

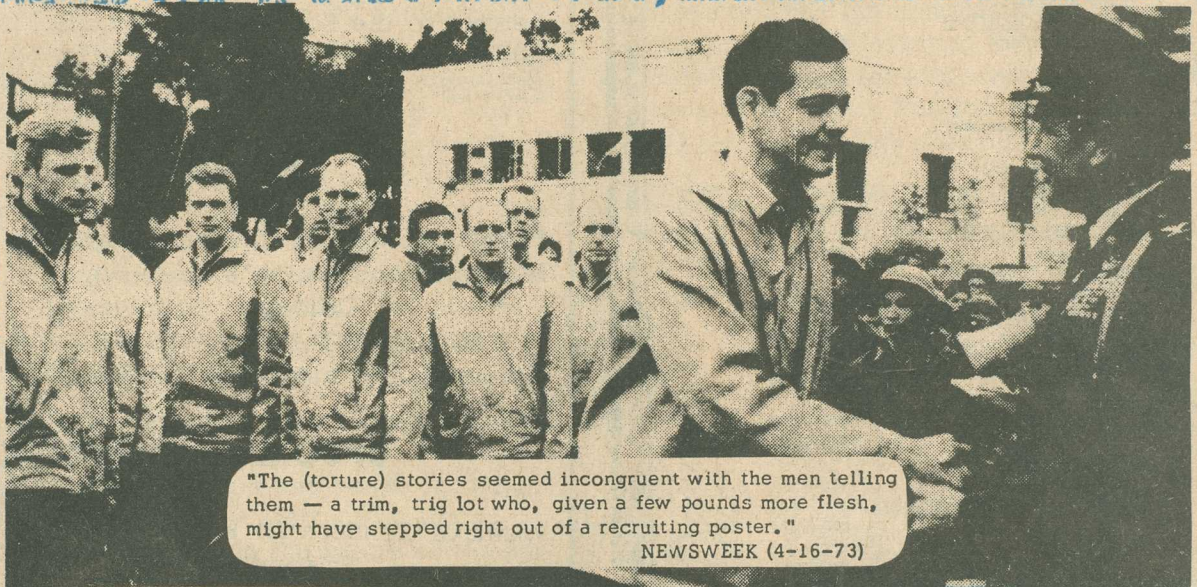
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NEWSWEEK (4-16-73)



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PUTTING WATERGATE IN PERSPECTIVE

A REPORT BY THE WATERGATE STUDY GROUP OF THE SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL

If one isn't terribly careful these days, she or he will start to believe "the mood of the nation over Watergate" as presented by Time, Newsweek, the Syracuse Post-Standard or the TV networks. That would be a mistake. That mood of "distress, coupled with quiet resignation", may be the mood of those that Time talks to, but it is not the mood of an increasing number of concerned people who are using the Watergate exposures as an ideal opportunity to join with others in actions now that the lies and deceit of those at the top have been laid bare and King Richard's monarchy derailed for the moment. (Many of those actions and how to get involved in them are described throughout this Peace Newsletter.)

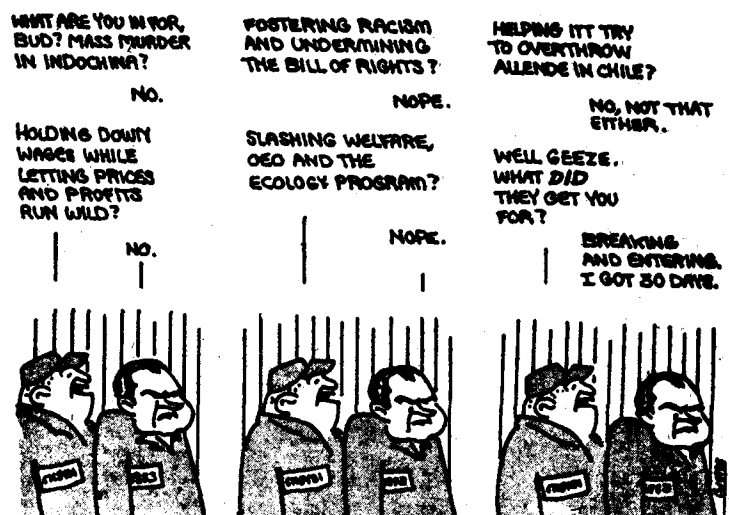
It is a time when more and more people are discovering, as Noam Chomsky points out, "...Nixon's wings have been clipped and power is being more broadly shared among traditional ruling groups." And as everyone in the peace movement knows, those other groups are also bad news. Bad news for the political prisoners in south Viet Nam, grape-pickers in Modesto, Cal., unemployed Viet Nam veterans, limbless and homeless Vietnamese and Cambodians, and the millions of low income Americans Nixon has decided must bear the brunt of corporate profit-glutting inflation.

NOT REAL DEMOCRACY

Time may not be aware that an increasing number of concerned people are learning from the Watergate exposures and are not falling for the "backing an out-of-power ruling group over a currently in-power ruling group, two party system" hype. Such Watergatized individuals are not likely to settle for just improved campaign and election laws if they are starting to see the elections themselves as a ritual, a gesture at democracy, not real democracy. (Imagine the very real possibility in '74 of having to choose between super-hawk Stratton and super-imperialist Rockefeller for our governor!)

Concerned people are now asking what new political consciousness Watergate is ushering in if

it rids us of Ehrlichman, Haldeman, Mitchell and crew while the liberal Senate Foreign Relations Committee of Fulbright, Mansfield, Church and Muskie confirms the nomination of the master of genocide, Henry Kissinger, as our new Secretary of State? (except for McGovern, a unanimous choice of the Senate Foreign Relations Comm. & a 78-7 Senate confirmation)



BEYOND THE SYMPTOMS

Our concern must extend beyond the symptoms of Watergate; beyond doing cosmetic jobs on no-choice elections. We must not allow all our energies to be tied down on the lying and covering-up surrounding the events of June 17, 1972. We must make known the facts of lying, covering-up and the contempt for the electorate that characterized the Viet Nam decade. The "secret history of the Viet Nam war" exposed by the Pentagon Papers has to be as deeply imbedded in the nation's consciousness as that June 17th night in Washington, D.C.

As Chomsky rightly concludes, "if we try to keep a sense of balance, the exposures of the past several months are analogous to the discovery that the directors of Murder, Inc. were also cheating on their income tax. Reprehensible to be sure, but hardly the main point."



Each year before the Holiday Season, we print greeting cards, with simple, original designs, and a message of peace. Designs, descriptions, and order forms will be in next month's Peace Newsletter.

SPC LITERATURE COMMITTEE

The all new, long-awaited literature brochure is "at the printers" -- that is to say that Nancy Travers is printing it on the SPC Press. Violet ink on green paper! You'll receive a copy in a special October mailing. A book review will now be a regular feature of the Peace Newsletter. The literature committee each month will comment on a book SPC stocks or one that is relevant to all our concerns.

INDOCHINA BULLETIN

Distribution of this monthly tabloid, the best regular source of "unreported" news on Indochina, continues to grow in the metropolitan Syracuse area due to the efforts of Glenn Witkin, 478-6107, and many others. SPC reprints 10,000 copies of the Indochina Bulletin each month. It is produced by the Asian Information Group in California. People from other cities in central NY should consider very seriously doing the same. Call SPC with your orders.

"FREE FIRE ZONE" REVIEWED

Free Fire Zone is a collection of twenty four short stories by Vietnam Veterans published by First Casualty Press in 1973. This collection examines America's policies and attitudes towards Asia through the eyes of the men who implemented them.

The stories in Free Fire Zone were contributed by twenty one different writers. The emphasis of each writer varies but collectively they offer insight into the price paid by both peoples when one culture attempts to strip another of its dignity. Free Fire Zone explores America's attempt to shape an ancient Asian culture into an image that reflects our own physical and psychological needs.

Many of the stories deal with the relationship between GI's and the Asian women they come in contact with. These relationships are often symbolic of the lack of understanding and the disrespect that many of the GI's feel for the people of Vietnam.

These stories deal with the inner feelings and changes that the men go through who are sent overseas to do America's dirty work. Some of the soldiers are portrayed as callous toward the Vietnamese people and culture while others attempt to understand and learn from the Vietnamese. The editors believe that the struggle of the people of Indochina to maintain and form their own identities has become the struggle of many of the GI's who served in Vietnam.

This is a truly memorable collection of stories. In reading them one gains a deep admiration for the people of Vietnam who have endured through so many years of struggle. One is also left with a strong sense of guilt at the cultural rape and genocide that has taken place in Indochina under the guise of "perserving a democracy".

INDOCHINA BULLETIN

formerly the WAR BULLETIN

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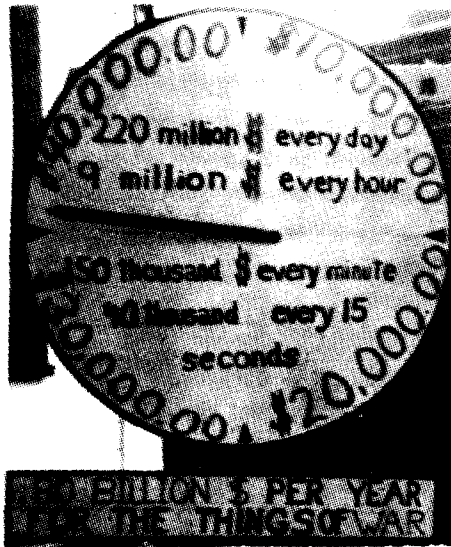
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FREE or DONATION

THE STATE FAIR & THE SPECTER OF DEATH & THE STATE POLICE

SPC was at the State Fair again this year. At the SPC exhibit, over \$100 worth of literature was sold and about 500 people signed the petition to stop aid to Thieu. The bright sun precluded showing of the GE Slide Show, but Glenn Witkin's tapes of protest music and Pat Vitacolonna's "military spending clock" helped to perk up the exhibit.



Another part of the SPC activity at the fair was the Specter of Death. The specter was present at the military weapons exhibit on the last 3 days of the fair. A leaflet about professional killing and military recruitment was distributed in conjunction with the specter.

The specter attracted a lot of attention and curiosity. As a result, people were quite willing to read the leaflet and talk with the leafletter.



There was some harassment which led to a confrontation with the State Police. The first day we had to assert our right to be there to almost every state cop that drove by. Fair officials, after trying to get us to leave, finally admitted the legality of our action.

The next day our visit was cut short when someone stole our supply of leaflets and the specter's makeup. This led to the encounter with State Police. We went to the police to make a larceny complaint. When we suggested that state policemen, the military, or a nearby veterans group might have stolen the materials, they got quite upset. We also complained about the occasionally discourteous behavior of state policemen. They then refused to take our larceny complaint, saying that our materials had no value. We left under the threat of a disorderly conduct arrest.

The next day our materials were again stolen, forcing us to leave early again. This time our larceny complaint was taken. Chris Murray and Bob Nicholson have written the State Police Headquarters in Albany about the refusal to take the first larceny complaint. An investigation into that refusal has been promised.

SPC PHONE NETWORK

The Phone Network is looking for people who can make ten phone calls, on short notice, several times a year. It is SPC's one means of rapid communication with members and is used to publicize important events and to apprise members of emergency national/international situations. The summer months have seen the usual changes in people's jobs and schools, and consequently a loss of callers from the Network. If you see this significant work as something you would like to become a part of, call Ann O'Connor at 492-9643.

MICRONESIA: AMERICA'S UNKNOWN COLONY

Does your vision of tropical paradise include B-52's, flag salutes, radiation sickness, and slums? Such is the paradise America has created in Micronesia.

Micronesia is one of three great island groups in the Pacific, containing 2,300 islands, 100 of which are inhabited, with a population of 115,000. Since 1947 it has been controlled by the U.S. as one of 11 U.N. "trust territories." It is the only trusteeship which has not become self-governing, and in which the "administering power" was given the right to build military bases.

NUCLEAR TESTS

The U.S. has used the islands for 100 nuclear tests, naval and air bases, missile testing, germ warfare experimentation, and as a CIA training base for Nationalist Chinese guerillas. In 1954 over 200 people were severely injured by nuclear fallout from tests on Bikini atoll, and many more have been forced to leave their home islands.

Serious radiation related medical problems are



still developing among the people, and treatment has been inadequate: a group of doctors from a Japanese Peace group were forced to leave by the American administration. Indeed, whether or not the radiation exposure was an accident is uncertain. The contaminated islanders have been termed an "ideal comparison population" for studying radiation effects, and have been guinea pigs for AEC research on the subject.

Japan lost Micronesia to the U.S. in bloody fighting in WWII. It is now run by the Dept. of Interior with increasing input from the Defense Dept. The American "High Commissioner" is appointed directly by the President and has absolute veto power over the increasingly vocal Micronesian Congress. Of the \$85 million going annually to Micronesia, almost 3/4 is used for "administrative expenses"--i.e., to pay the salaries of the thousands of American civil servants who spend leisurely two year stints in this colonial "paradise." Like the extremely high concentration of Peace Corps volunteers in Micronesia, most are teachers, whose job, according to an official U.S. report, is to introduce "patriotic ritual" and U.S. oriented curriculum" to the islanders.

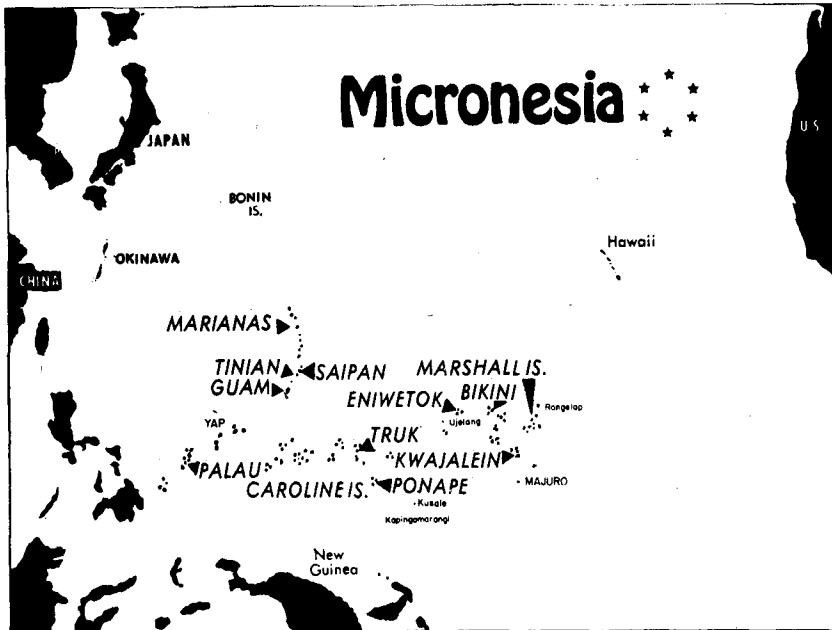
Micronesia's economy is "virtually stagnant," according to a recent U.N. report. Economic weakness is cited by Micronesian leaders as a chief barrier to independence from the U.S. In 1971 Micronesia imported goods worth \$26 million but exported only \$3 million, a 25% drop from the year before. While encouraging the growth of a foreign controlled cash economy, the U.S. discourages economic self-reliance, and has done little to explore economic alternatives to tourism such as fisheries and agriculture.

MILITARY PLANS

Micronesia is of intense current interest to the U.S. military, and is slated to be part of the post-Vietnam fallback "defense" line. Despite bitter opposition from the people of Tinian, the island will become a giant US Air Force base, and the 800 residents will be "displaced." Tinian is the island from which Hiroshima and Nagasaki were

"We have the trust, the United States has the territory."

--Ataji Balos



"The history of these islands over the last few centuries has not been the history of the Micronesian people. It has been the history of missionaries, colonizers, commercial exploiters, warring armies, atomic testing, and, now, of a vast, unresponsive, indifferent bureaucracy."

--Sen. Petrus Tun, Yap
(1970)

bombed. Nearby Guam is already a major military bastion and home of 150 B-52's. The Navy has plans for taking over 28% of the island of Palau, which is the closest American territory to S.E. Asia, to build a guerilla warfare base, an air-field, a submarine port, and an H-bomb storage depot. The Palauans are vigorously opposing this scheme. Kwajalein, in the Marshall Islands, is the center of U.S. anti-ballistic missile testing. And Bikini and Eniwetok continue to be used for nuclear weapons related research and testing.

MICRONESIANS FIGHT BACK

Since 1969 the Congress of Micronesia has been meeting with the U.S. to discuss a new political status. The announced U.S. position is to maintain a "lasting political partnership" (a euphemism for "colony") with Micronesia. Micronesia rejected outright a U.S. offer of "commonwealth" status; in ensuing rounds of talks the U.S. has proposed a permanent association based on U.S. rights to military bases. Micronesians have doggedly demanded the right to unilaterally terminate any agreement with the U.S., and the right to control use of their land. These status talks have grown more and more bitter, and a movement for complete independence is growing rapidly.

The U.S. Congress must ultimately sanction any agreement with Micronesia, even one stuffed down its throat. Thus it is a potential ally in the movement for Micronesian independence, though it remains largely ignorant of the issue. Thus it is important to write Congress on this

issue. Write your own Congressman and

Hon. Philip Burton
Chairman, Subcommittee of Territorial and Insular Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Hon. J. William Fulbright
Chairman, Foreign Relations Committee
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

For more information, contact the local Friends of Micronesia group at 472-1884. Ask for Jim or Diana.



IRS CONFRONTS WAR TAX RESISTERS

SUPPORT ACTION TAKEN BY WTR FUND

On Monday, Sept. 24, at 3:30 P.M. two members of the S.P.C. War Tax Resistance Fund, Beth Brown and Kathy Clarke met with IRS officials. They were being audited concerning war crimes deductions on their 1972 returns.

To give support and to demonstrate to the people of Syracuse that there are better uses of tax money WTR subsidized public transportation for 300 people. Approximately 8 members of the Fund handed out leaflets to people boarding buses at the corner of Fayette and Salina.

The leaflet was entitled, "TAXES FOR BUSES -NOT FOR BOMBS and on each leaflet a dime was taped. The leaflet explained that these dimes were withheld federal taxes that tax resisters had refused to pay to the federal government. Instead the money was being rechanneled back into the community. On the back side of the leaflet was a personal statement by Beth and Kathy explaining the reasons for their tax resistance.

The following is an excerpt from their statement. "The war is supposed to be over. But for the first time in American history, the proposed military budget is larger after a war than during that war. The major part of every American tax dollar will continue to go to support that military budget, while humanitarian programs continue to occupy the lowest priority."

As could be expected the leaflets were well received. One old man commented, "I'm with you."

It is an important step to educate people to make the connection between a \$80 Billion defense budget and the lack of funds for services in our city.

Since more members of the Fund have audits scheduled with IRS people should be on the lookout for more WTR projects. Who knows where we will turn up next.

Pete Wirth

AMNESTY

An amnesty coalition is forming in the Syracuse University area to organize general support for post-Indochina War amnesty and in particular for Ms. Bella Abzug's bill, H.R. 236. This bill, if passed, would congressionally mandate universal, unconditional amnesty for draft resisters, military deserters, and those who left the military with less than honorable discharges. After House passage, the bill must still be passed in the Senate. H.R. 236 was introduced on January 3, 1973 and was in Subcommittee 3 of the Judiciary Committee at my last visit to Ms. Abzug's Washington office in August.

The coalition now includes the Syracuse Peace Council, VVAW, and several campus-community peoples. A support petition for the bill is now circulating in the campus-community area.

On October 3, the Indochina Peace Campaign with Jean Debris, Jane Fonda, Tom Hayden, and Holly Near will be at Hendricks Chapel to focus on the political prisoner situation in s. Vietnam. The amnesty petition signatures will be presented to the Peace Campaign that night, as the amnesty situation in this country must also be faced by the conscience of America. Those who led the US government in this war, despite ever increasing outcries of dissent, are, along with s. Vietnam's leaders, also "on trial" for political repression.

Campus-community people will meet Wednesday night, Sept. 26, to plan continued amnesty support activities, in particular for the IPC visit the following week. The amnesty coalition, in unity with the Peace Campaign doesn't want America to forget its responsibilities in this unjust war's aftermath. To not be able to get a job or rehabilitation for battle injuries, because of political dissent, is its own form of imprisonment. A Business as usual Business won't do.

Ron Ring



VALLEY

The Valley Peace Group, whose picture below appeared in the South Side News, held a garage sale September 22-23 which raised \$145.89 for the Peace Council. The group continues to distribute the Peace Newsletter and will participate in the October 7 mass leafletting on Political Prisoners.

Our next meeting will be September 30 at Kathy and Kevin Morton's, at 7:30pm.

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SOUTH SIDE NEWS



PEACE GROUP PLANS SALE. The South Side Peace Group has slated a sale to aid the Syracuse Peace Council. Among members of the organization are top row, Len Bjorkman, Judy Bjorkman, Lila Walker and Tom Diehl; and bottom row, Cathy Morton, Marge Rusk, Jolene Diehl, and young Benjamin Diehl.

LIVERPOOL

The Liverpool area neighborhood group is still in the process of getting a course on Creative Conflict Resolution into Liverpool's adult education curriculum. The group has expended considerable effort including meeting with administrators and attending Board of Education meetings. We would like the course approved for starting November 1st. If the Board of Education does not approve the course we will find an alternative way to hold the course. Starting next week we will begin preparing ourselves to teach the course.

SALTSPRINGS

The Salt Springs group has decided to work to keep the Peace Council informed of Attica developments. In addition this month members of the group are working to recruit for the Jane Fonda, Tom Hayden cocktail bufeet to be held Oct 3 at Ruth Jank's.

WESTCOTT

On Saturday Oct 13, the Westcott group will meet at the Savoy Coffee House on South Beech St. from 10:30-1:30pm. The monthly leafletting project will take off from this spot and there are other tasks we need help with as well. Drop in early and work as long as you can.

There will be a Social Get-to-gether at Linda Popoffs Thursday October 18th, 8pm. Call her for details. 472-0877.

SPC CONFERENCE HELD

Representatives from most of the 33 on-going Peace Council projects or committees met September 20 to review the present work of the Peace Council. Most people present realized that they were unaware of all the things going on in the Peace Council. Few realized that the Peace Newsletter is distributed at 60 different locations each month, or that the non-violence group meets weekly and among other things recently spent one day working at Unity Acres and another visiting the Oneida Community. The meeting produced a sense of many small projects adding on to each other to produce a considerable impact on the community.

A DAY IN THE COUNTRY

The Harvest Picnic was held as scheduled on Sunday, Sept. 16th at the Bielings' despite inclement weather. Seventeen adults and four children were undaunted by an overcast and cool day and found themselves in for a real treat.

The rain held off long enough for Herm to take us on a tour of the garden. (Their vegetables would put the jolly green giant to shame!) Herm explained his organic gardening and we all marveled at his crops.

We moved inside to eat a delicious "Thanksgiving-Day" type meal that Miriam had prepared. The tables groaned with succulent dishes. If any of us had any problems that day it could only have been over-indulgence!

A nominal fee was charged and \$41.51 was contributed to SPC after expenses.

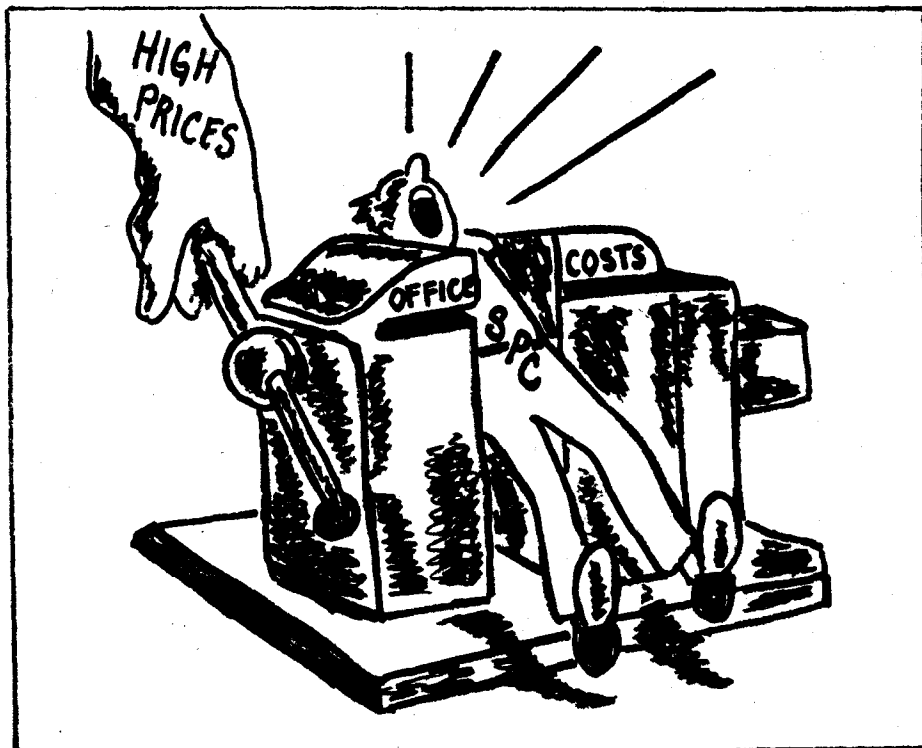
The Bielings surely can grow and cook food to perfection. Our thanks to you, Miriam and Herm for a great day!

SPC NON VIOLENCE GROUP

The SPC Non Violence group has made some changes. Its supper meetings will now be every other Thursday. Anyone interested in non-violence (philosophy, life style, direct action, support) is welcome. See calendar on back cover for dates and location. Members of the group will be a part of a program on non-violence at the SPC Monday Potluck dinner, October 22.

A spin-off from the NV group is a new study group which will meet for the first time on Friday, September 28 at 355 Webster Ave. Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Cost of Discipleship will be discussed. For information and directions call Nancy Travers and Paul Frazier, 478-2827. This group plans to meet twice a month and devote two or three sessions to a book. Future studies will include Contemplation and Resistance by Jim Douglas. Everyone is welcome to come and to suggest future studies.

THE SQUEEZE IS ON!



HELP RELIEVE THE PRESSURE—
SEND IN YOUR CONTRIBUTION TODAY!

S.S.S. HARASSMENT INCREASES

The NY State Selective Service System (S.S.S.), apparently left with little else to do since the "winding down" of the draft, is engaged in a new series of harassments which seem to be designed to show young men that the S.S.S. still has a bite. This campaign, which is also unfolding at a national level (nonregistration may be as high as 25% nationally), includes P.R. blurbs fed to campus newspapers; they indicate that the draft isn't dead and men must still register. The S.U. Information Center recently ran this blurb in the Daily Orange. Men have the option of not dealing with S.S.S. through nonregistration, a basic form of resistance.

A local man recently received the following letter:

Dear _____

Selective Service records indicate that your registration under the SS law took place after the designated period had elapsed. It therefore appears that you may be in violation of the law.

You are entitled to present any information to your local board which will explain the reason for your late registration, but you are not required to do so. If you wish to, you may write the information below, and return this letter to your local board in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope. Any information you furnish will be considered by the local board in determining whether you should be reported as a violator, and will become part of your confidential SS file.

Local Board No. 58
223 S. Salina St.

Fayette St. Ent., 6th Fl.
Syracuse, NY 13202

In addition SSS undertook an unprecedented personal visitation tour of every conscientious objector performing alternate service in the state this past spring and summer. In one case, a mistake made by the SSS "inspector" visiting a Syracuse CO resulted in threat of reassignment or jail for the CO. Other COs and all men involved with the draft system should remain aware of their rights and the claims SSS may make on them. Men needing counseling should call the American Friends Service Comm. (AFSC) at 475-9469. SPC will support in any way possible people having problems with SSS.



Don't forget the SPC Film and Tape Libraries. Over the summer few films were shown but they are still available and remain excellent teaching tools and good discussion starters for peace education.

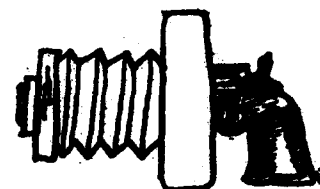
"VIET NAM: A QUESTION OF TORTURE"

We are trying to update the library and will start with the purchase of a new film in partnership with AFSC. The name of the film is Vietnam -- A question of Torture. It is in color and deals with political prisoners in South Viet Nam under the Thieu regime; it's extremely timely and thought provoking.

A second film we are negotiating for is The Price of Peace. This deals with the bombing of North Vietnam during Dec. 1972 and shows Bach Mai Hospital before and after bombing. It is also in color and well done. Films and projectors are available by calling Ronnie Vitacolonna, 446-7523.

"STATE OF SEIGE"

Normally, SPC does not recommend seeing films in commercial theatres but this powerful film by Costa-Gravas (Z) prompts us to do so. The film is about a Tupamaros rebellion in a South American city and how it is crushed; there is particular emphasis on a U.S. A. I. D. official who has been responsible for building the police state apparatus used to crush the rebellion. The parallels to Chile and south Viet Nam are strong and terrifying. The film's most important feature is its capacity to make you feel you are actually experiencing the horrors of fascism. See "State of Seige" if you have the opportunity.



Pres. Thieu holds 200,000 civilians in prison
Buddhists, Catholics, Neutralists, Political Opponents

Day of Concern

for South Vietnamese Political Prisoners

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3



JANE FONDA

TOM HAYDEN

HOLLY NEAR

FOLK SINGER

**JEAN PIERRE
DEBRIS**

FRENCH SCHOOL TEACHER WHO SPENT 2 YEARS IN SAIGON PRISONS

MEET THE SPEAKERS

**FUND-RAISING
COCKTAIL BUFFET**

5:30 - 7:30

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472-5478

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

HENDRICKS CHAPEL

8:00

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Free All the Prisoners Stop Aid to Thieu Peace Depends on It

MASS LEAFLETING - OCT. 7

As part of a "Week of Concern" for Vietnam's political prisoners, there will be a city-wide leafletting on Sunday, October 7 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. The leaflet to be used will deal with the Nixon Administration's perversion of the American POW story and with the on-going brutality of Thieu's prison systems. It is crucial that U.S. citizens be made aware of our continued support for, and involvement in the puppet government of Saigon. Leafletters are needed...call SPC - 472-5478.

DAVID & JANE BARTON

OCT. 7 - CHURCH CENTER

David and Jane Barton spent two years at the Quang Ngai Rehabilitation Center in southern Vietnam. They have witnessed the continuing arrest, interrogation, and torture of political prisoners since the ceasefire. Their story is documented in an excellent movie: "Saigon, A Question of Torture" produced by Britain's leading commercial TV company, Granada.

The Bartons will be speaking at the Church Center, 3049 E. Genesee St. at 7:30 PM on October 7. For more information, call American Friends Service Committee, 475-9469



SPC HOUSE BRIGHTENING UP!

Yes, the SPC house, as one person put it, is beginning to look downright "quaint". The front has been painted, including blue trim and the new sign has been installed. The porch has been jacked-up, the garage completely roofed and painted and the foundation painted a light green.

Nate Zeppetello, our beautiful electrician, has begun again the large wiring job so things should be brightening up a whole lot soon. Other people who have worked on the house recently are: Tom Diehl, Dik Cool, Bill, Tom, and Jim Whistler, Marilyn Miller, Don Goulet, Maria and Nicky Ranalli, Pete Wirth, Pat Vitacolonna, Bob Nicholson, Maud and David Easter, Lillian Reiner, David Coons, Karen Milhali, and Sally and John Brule'.

There's still, of course, a lot to do, including insulating the 2nd floor, painting, duct and dry wall work. If you want to help call Dik at the office, 472-5478.



Bob Nicholson, Chris Murray, Marilyn Miller, Sally Brule' and Linda Popoff gather around the new sign for the front of the SPC house. It was designed by Dawn Martin with help from Derek Manier.

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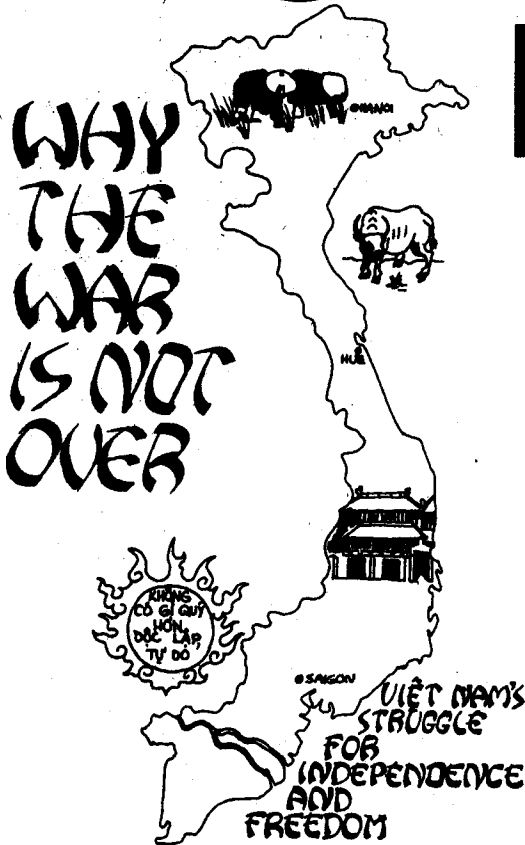
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SPC MONDAY POTLUCKS

MONDAYS OCTOBER 1973

WHY THE WAR IS NOT OVER



"WHY THE WAR IS NOT OVER"

1 SPC's excellent new slideshow on the history of Viet Nam, beginning over 2,000 years ago. Done by Cornell Concerned Asian Scholars.

THE PROPOSED ZONING LAW — WHAT NOW?

8 Members of collectives and other people discuss the current status of the proposal and how the legitimate problems of the Westcott/Hill area can be solved. Ed Ruhe resource person.

CHILE

15 Bill LeoGrande, who teaches a course on Cuba at S. U., leads a discussion on the causes of the coup, U.S. involvement and the outlook for socialism in Chile. Also a new tape by the Rest of the News of a talk by James Petras, who lived in Chile for several years.

NONVIOLENCE

22 A discussion of theory and application led by members of the Nonviolence Group of SPC.

MEN'S LIBERATION

29 It's relationship to the women's movement and sexism in general as seen by local men. Women and men welcome.

6:30 P.M.

GRACE CHURCH

819 Madison St.

BRING FOOD TO SHARE.

SPC MONDAY POTLUCKS ARE MANY THINGS

The potlucks, which have been going on continuously for over 3 years, provide a unique forum for individuals and group working for social change in our community. People come together, eat each others cooking, get to know one another and exchange information and ideas. A sense of isolation, produced by a lack of personal reinforcement, is a very serious problem for the movement. The potlucks are intended to overcome this.

More and more the potlucks have become a cohesive part of broader SPC and community projects. Examples are the visit of Henrietta Levine in late August speaking on her visit

to China. Henrietta spoke on 2 TV shows, did one interview and showed a new film on China. Another example is the potluck held on Sept. 10 with 2 Attica Brothers, Charlie Perñasilice and Rahaam speaking. The potluck was an important ingredient in the activities of Attica week.

The SPC Monday Potlucks can always use suggestions for programs. Please call 472-5478 if you have an idea.

Tom Diehl, who has been doing a fantastic job of coordinating the potlucks, will be taking a break for the next several months. If you are interested in helping to plan the potlucks call Dik at the office.

THE U.S. AND CHILE

The violent overthrow of the Popular Unity (UP) government marks the death of Chilean democracy, adding still another country to the constantly growing list of Latin American nations ruled by rightwing military dictatorships. The attempt to build a socialist society legally and peacefully, within the confines of existing political institutions posed unique problems for the Chilean left. The UP faced a right opposition which had not been defeated in revolutionary struggle, and thus retained both its economic power and its political organizations.

In its struggle with the right, the UP had to act strictly within the law, lest the armed forces "defend the Constitution" by deposing the government. On the other hand, the right, through sabotage, assassination, and the hoarding of scarce goods, sought to create economic and political chaos and, ultimately, military intervention. In this campaign, the Chilean right had relatively silent, but highly effective, allies in the U.S.

U.S. CORPORATIONS

The unsuccessful attempts of ITT to block Allende's inauguration in 1970, and ITT's efforts to enlist the CIA's assistance in that project, have been fully documented by columnist Jack Anderson. Less well known, though, is the "18 Point Plan" suggested to the U.S. government by ITT in October 1971 -- in the wake of Chile's refusal to pay compensation for nationalized U.S. business interests.

This plan outlined a strategy for creating "economic chaos" provoking the military to "step in and restore order." Sabotage of Chile's economy was to proceed through (1) a ban on international credit, (2) a boycott or devaluation of Chilean exports, and (3) a ban on exports from the U.S. of goods essential to the Chilean economy. Favorable conditions for military intervention were to be established by expanding U.S. influence within the Chilean armed forces.

Beginning in the autumn of 1971 and continuing until the overthrow of the UP government, the essentials of the ITT plan were implemented by the U.S. government and U.S. based multinational corporations.

ECONOMIC PRESSURE

The sabotage of the Chilean economy centered on exploiting structural weaknesses originating in that economy's prior dependence upon the U.S. Like most underdeveloped nations, Chile imports more than it exports. Chile's perennial balance of payments deficit has, since WWII, been covered by loans from the U.S. Import/Export Bank, the U.S. AID program, and two international financial agencies -- the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank. One traditional restriction on loans from the U.S. government is that the dollars provided be spent on U.S. goods. Thus Chilean industry has been developed primarily with capital goods made in the U.S., and nearly a third of the goods bought by the Chilean consumer are U.S. made.

U.S. AID loans to Chile, which averaged 22 million dollars annually between 1945 and 1970, were cut off when Allende became president. In August 1971, the Import/Export Bank denied Chile any additional loans because of the nationalization of U.S. owned copper holdings. Since the U.S. provides the bulk of the capital for the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank, it was able to pressure these institutions into suspending their usual loans to Chile as well. Private banks in the U.S. cooperated with the credit boycott by refusing even short-term (90 day) credit, without which foreign trade becomes virtually impossible.

The impact of the credit blockade on Chile's economy was disastrous. Nearly 40% of the foreign currency generated by Chile's exports were needed just to pay the interest on old debts -- a necessary task since to repudiate the debts would have only aggravated Chile's difficulties in obtaining credit. Without foreign exchange funds, Chile was forced to cut back its imports drastically which led to shortages of food, consumer goods, and capital equipment. These shortages quickly caused massive inflation, which in turn fueled domestic opposition to the government from the consumption-oriented middle class.



Gen. Augusto Pinochet Ugarte, left, the commander of Chile's Army, is a member of the four-man military junta that overthrew President Salvador Allende Gossens, at right.

Associated Press

Chile's shortage of foreign currency was exacerbated by a 20% decline in the world price of copper, Chile's principal export. That decline resulted from the U.S. government's decision to sell its own strategic reserves of copper on the world market (a tactic used against Bolivian tin in the 1950's)

But the attempt to create a boycott of Chilean copper failed. In 1972, Kennecott Copper filed suit in France to block the sale of Chilean copper in that nation on the grounds that the copper belonged to Kennecott. Similar actions were planned for other European courts. This scheme was defeated however, largely by the threat of a counter-boycott against Kennecott by European dock workers and the major Third World copper producing nations-- Peru, Zaire, and Zambia.

The blockade of strategic goods was more effective. Since most of Chilean industry is stocked with capital equipment from the U.S., the Chilean economy proved extremely vulnerable to the refusal of U.S. companies to ship spare parts. The inability to obtain spare parts slowly but inexorably reduced the productive capacity of Chilean industry, thus aggravating the shortages caused by reduced imports. As a single

example, by 1973, nearly 30% of Chile's buses were immobilized for want of parts.

MILITARISM SPREADS

Finally, the expansion of U.S. influence and pro-U.S. sentiments within the Chilean armed forces was bought and paid for by an expansion of U.S. military aid after 1970. Over 10 million dollars worth of equipment was provided in 1973, compared to an average of 6 million dollars annually before 1970. The jet planes which reduced la Moneda to rubble were provided by the U.S. only a few months ago.

It is still too early to assess the extent of direct U.S. involvement in the coup. Nevertheless, it is already clear that the U.S. government and U.S. business interests must bear full responsibility for creating, through economic aggression, the conditions of economic crisis which resulted in the overthrow of Chile's legally elected government.

(The bulk of the information in this article was provided by the research efforts of the North American Congress for Latin America, NACLA.)

Bill LeoGrande



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

CONGRESS AND INDOCHINA

Throughout most of the Second Indochina War, the Executive has held complete initiative in determining American policy. During the Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations, Congress routinely authorized and appropriated money for whatever the expansive, optimistic spokesmen coming before various committees happened to propose. The ultimate abdication, however, came during the early Johnson administration, with the now-famous Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, authorizing the President "to take all necessary measures to repel armed attack against the forces of the United States and to prevent further aggression." For the next five or six years both Johnson and Nixon used this language to keep Congress completely on the defensive.

By and large, members of Congress had only themselves to blame for this state of affairs. Most culpable were the ranking congressional leaders on both sides of the aisle. They were often treated to private "briefings" at the White House, Pentagon, CIA, or State Department, yet they never used these occasions to effectively challenge the underlying, often unspoken presuppositions that propelled American policy. And, when rumblings of discontent began to be heard from other, less senior senators and congressmen, the leadership simply ignored it, or put it down with cold war maxims dating from the late 1940s. Few tried to analyze the Indochina situation as a political conflict far different from the experiences of World War II or the Korean War. Nobody attempted systematically to collect, collate and interpret information independent of what they were told by glib administration witnesses. To this date, in fact, *Congress has no separate means for collecting and assessing data on crucial foreign policy questions.*

Finally it was pressures from outside, from events in Indochina and public outrage around the country, that provoked Congress into taking some initiative. The 1968 Tet Offensive, the presidential primary victories of Eugene McCarthy, and Lyndon Johnson's decision not to run again, all had the effect of instilling a bit more backbone into members of Congress, particularly in the Senate. Public hearings were used increasingly as a forum to criticize Executive policies. The Gulf of Tonkin Resolution was repealed, and efforts to set a date for final, total withdrawal, while never achieving clear-cut victory, did at least succeed in placing the Executive on the defensive for the first time ever.

Faced with this situation, President Nixon resorted to extreme secrecy, complicated deception and risky "plumbers' operations" to maintain some sort of viable front against growing congressional and public exasperation with the war. Senators were no longer invited to those cozy chats at the White House. Official bombing statistics were falsified, so that not even the top congressional leaders could know what was really happening. Phones were tapped to try to prevent unauthorized leaks from within the administration. By and large the President's tactics were successful -- until Watergate blew everything out of the water in the spring of 1973.

Now, with the Executive under a state of siege from every conceivable angle, it became possible in the House of Representatives in May, 1973 to put together a coalition that would terminate all funds for continued direct U.S. military activity in Indochina, particularly the bombing of Cambodia. The Senate had reached this position earlier. After a last bit of shady backroom bargaining with administration representatives over timing, the two houses of Congress settled on August 15, President Nixon acquiesced, the courts refused to halt things earlier, and the terrible B-52s did indeed finally remove themselves from the tortured, pock-marked terrain of Indochina at midnight of August 14.

Sad to say, the story is far from over.

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AID TO THIEU

Very few Americans, including senators and congresspeople, understand just how U.S. "economic aid" really functions in a country like South Vietnam. Liberals think it promotes progress, development and modernization, when in fact the reverse is generally the case. Conservatives think it promotes social stability and foreign business opportunities, which may be true in some countries in the short run, but certainly has not been applicable in Vietnam for many decades now.

Actually, since 1961 or earlier the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) has been primarily in the business of supporting a war. While the generals, both Vietnamese and American, tried to locate and destroy the enemy, civilian AID officials pumped billions of dollars into the South Vietnamese economy to try and keep it afloat. For the millions of refugees "forcibly created" by military operations, AID threw together camps and surrounded them with barbed wire. For the hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese who attempted peacefully to oppose the master-client apparatus set up by the Americans, AID trained policemen to arrest them and built scores of prisons to try to silence them. Meanwhile, AID also involved itself in the "Phoenix program" to execute suspected enemy cadre. AID built a huge psychological warfare apparatus. It constructed roads for the tanks and military trucks to travel over. In short, whatever was necessary to advance allied prospects on the battlefield, there would be AID, that supposed promoter of peaceful progress in Third World countries.



"Greetings, Sir -- What, You May Ask, Am I Doing in This Crate?"

To phrase it another way, AID intends to perpetuate the *culture of dependence* that has grown up during the war. This is not necessarily because they prefer it that way, but because they see no other alternative. Their overriding objective is to keep President Thieu in power, no matter how unpopular, no matter what the Paris Agreement says about the existence of two parties in South Vietnam. They are not even willing to use a progressive reduction in aid to Thieu as a means to induce him to start relying on tax income from his own people instead of the American Treasury. Thus, while inflation skyrockets in

the U.S., while the dollar continues to shake and quiver overseas, the Nixon administration proposes to pump another \$2.2 billion into South Vietnam, not to mention the \$3.5 billion or more that will be necessary to retain a large U.S. military presence in the area.

INDOCHINA RESOURCE CENTER

SENATE TO VOTE ON AID TO INDOCHINA AMENDMENTS

"Maybe the American people don't have to know about troop movements or the location of nuclear weapons, but by God they sure as hell can decide whether they want to support, torture or not."

Senator James Abourezk
New York Times 9/16/73

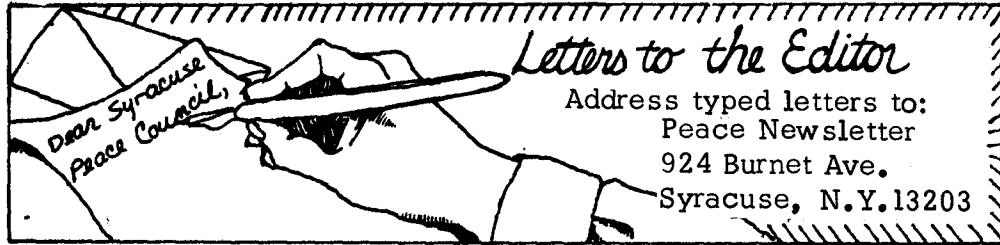
Senator Abourezk has two crucial amendments to the Foreign Economic Aid Bill (S-2355) coming before the Senate. There is an immediate need for letters and telegrams to Senators Jacob Javits and Hubert Humphrey (floor manager of the bill) urging their support of the amendments:

1) no funds shall be used to provide training or advice, or provide any financial support for police, prisons, or other internal security forces of any foreign government.

2) no funds shall be used to provide economic or military assistance to the government of any foreign country which practices the internment or imprisonment of that country's citizens for political purposes. Such determination of ineligibility for assistance may be made at any time by either the House Committee on Foreign Affairs or the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, or both.

Of the total population of southern Vietnam, 16,000,000, there are now 2,000,000 Buddhists, Catholics, Neutralists and political opponents of Thieu imprisoned. Most of the prisons in which they are held have been built by the RMK-BRJ Corp. of Houston, Texas. We now have an opportunity, through our elected representatives, to end US taxpayers' support of the brutal Thieu regime.

THE VOTE MAY COME AT ANY TIME
WRITE NOW



Dear Friends,

As you are well aware, men are still being imprisoned for their principled disobedience to draft laws. And Peacemakers, as you know, has for several years provided financial support for those whose families need this kind of assistance while they are in prison.

For the first time money in the Peacemaker Sharing Fund is depleted, and we realize that it may not be possible for the Fund to continue its long, unbroken support of these families who have looked to the peace movement for financial and moral support.

During the past six years nearly all the families who have received support from the Fund were heretofore unknown to Peacemakers. They had been referred to the Fund by one of the peace organizations (none of which has such a fund) or by some person visiting the men in prison.

I write you because I'm sure you want to know the condition of the Fund and will want to do what you can to see that the families of those who are making a long and strong witness on war objection can continue to receive financial and moral support from the people in the peace movement.

Sincerely,
Ernest Bromley
for the Peacemaker
Sharing Fund

Dear Friends,

Enclosed is a small contribution to help out with the bills. Really wish it could be more, but right now our finances are a bit strained. When was it any different? Anyway, will try to send more in the future, so keep those newsletters coming.

A suggestion: have you ever thought of promoting contributions to your organization, or especially MAI (Medical Aid for Indo-China) as an ideal Christmas gift for those people who already have everything they could possibly want? Why not run off some gift cards, stating that a "gift of peace has been made in your name for _____." After all, peace is what Christmas is all about, and a gift of charity for someone who really needs it is far better than giving a tie or after-shave lotion to someone who doesn't. You could even have Christmas cards as the gift cards. It's a kind of gift I have given in Christmases past, and the priests at Wadhams Hall Seminary (where my husband teaches) would also like the idea. I'm sure there are lots of people who would like something like that. It's an idea.

Anyway, keep up the good work. The world is lucky to have you all.

Sincerely,
Lori Clarke
Ed. The Peace Council does have such a gift card.

COUNTER RECRUITMENT

Two counter-recruiting actions took place last month. The Specter of Death at the State Fair was accompanied by a leaflet concerned with military service. The leaflet raised the moral issues and also announced the availability of our Military Recruitment Information Project.

On the 20th, Army recruiters visited Upstate Medical School. In response to a request from a medical student, SPC prepared a leaflet and helped staff a counter-recruitment table. The leaflet examined the role of doctors in the military and made the point that their skills are ultimately used for military purposes. The criminality of the American military was also discussed. Although the effect was hard to judge, the students who talked with the recruiters were quite willing to discuss our leaflet.

The recruiter watch has been expanded in the past month. There is now at least 1 person in 13 area high schools who will watch for military intrusions in the schools. We still need people in several schools, such as the parochial schools, Henniger, Solvay, East Syracuse, Westhill, and others.

One of our concerns is the use of student lists by recruiters. We have had some reports of 17 year old students, entering senior year, getting a mailing from a recruiter. The best explanation we can think of is that schools are providing recruiters with student rosters. If you let us know about recruiter mailings, we may find out which schools are providing recruiters with lists. We will then try to stop it. Call SPC if you want to help.

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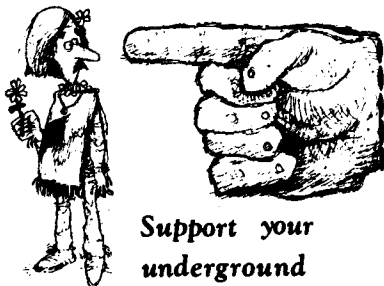
TO HELP FREE THIEU'S POLITICAL PRISONERS

Ngo Van Dat - Student
Chi Hoa Prison

WEAR A MEDICAL I.D. BRACELET bearing the name of a political prisoner being held in southern Vietnam. Write letters to Saigon and to U.S. congresspeople inquiring about this prisoner's well-being. There is definite evidence that world-wide protest has resulted in the betterment of treatment of prisoners. Bracelets are available (\$1.00) at SPC. Also see pages 12-13 for more information on activities and events concerning political prisoners.

MAYBE NOT "4 MORE YEARS"

"The constitutional right of the people to choose their highest elected leaders in a fair and open process has been violated; it is therefore for the people of the U.S. who must bring the law lawsuit to set aside the fraudulent 1972 elections." So states the Commission to Set Aside the 1972 Elections and the national Lawyer's Guild, contending that, as a result of the governmental crimes and misrepresentations recently brought to light, the American people have a right to a new presidential election. The suit will be filed in one or more District Courts of the Federal Judicial System, with the intention of finally appealing to the Supreme Court if a hearing is not granted otherwise. The plaintiffs may include anyone: taxpayers challenging misuse of government funds, voters who would have voted differently had they known what they know now,, candidates who were injured by Nixon's illegal campaign activities, voters' rights organizations, etc. This group is seeking such plaintiffs and/or people interested in in being involved. Contact: Committee to Set Aside the 1972 Elections...c/o National Lawyer's Guild, 23 Cornelia St., New York, N.Y. 10014



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DON'T FORGET

The Peacemaker Sharing Fund provides financial assistance on a regular basis to needy families of those in prison for non-violent acts of war resistance. Now that the war in Indochina is not so blatant as before, we can't forget those who are still paying for their protest. Contributions are needed: Peacemaker Sharing Fund..10208 Sylvan Ave. Cincinatti, Ohio 45241

- WIN

ANOTHER LITTLE LIE

Hydrogen Cyanide, the same gas used in Nazi death ovens, and banned by the Geneva Convention, was used by the USAF in Viet Nam. Former Air Force Sargeant Steve Hawkins testified to a Congressional Committee that the A.F. cleverly avoided the prohibition by dropping bombs of two differnt chemicals simultaneously which in themselves are technically legal that combine when they hit to form, through a chemical reation, none other than Hydrogen Cyanide.

- LNS

WHAT PRICE GOLD?

Apartheid madness still continues to rear its ugly head in South Africa. In echoes of the infamous "Sharpeville massacre" of 13 years ago, eleven African mine workers were killed and another 27 injured at a gold mine about 50 miles west of Johannesburg. Police were called to the mine after workers protesting poor pay started to riot. The group refused to disperse despite being tear-gassed and beaten with batons. The police were then ordered to open fire.

Although there was much protest from many segments of South African society, Prime Minister John Vorster, in a style reminiscent of an American president responding to the Kent State atrocity, commended the police for demonstrating "considerable restraint".



Ap-ple.



A-corn.

THE ORGANIC SONG

chorus:

It's organic, organic, organic, you see,
Crunchy granola and chamomile tea.
Be sure to put wheat germ in all that you eat,
Throw out your Ding-Dongs and never eat meat.

first verse

We used to all live in the city and feast
On Big Macs and Ripple and Twinkies, at least,
But now we've all moved to the country and say,
"If you don't live organic, it just ain't the way."
We've broken old habits of unhealthy vice,
We now eat fresh seaweed and short-grained
brown rice.
We've cleared out our cupboards, threw out
those stale rolls;
By planting a garden, we've cleaned up our souls.

second verse

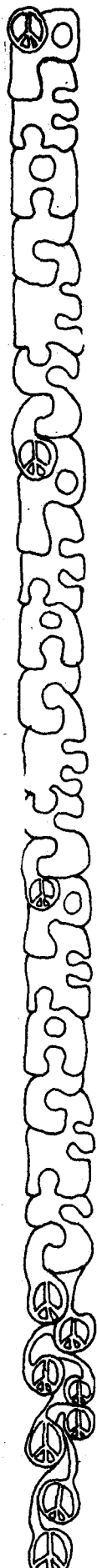
Marty's our neighbor who lives up the hill,
He gave up Hostess cupcakes and old Taco Bell.

I went over to borrow some yogurt last night,
Walked in his kitchen and met with this sight:
He was frying up catnip and grasshopper heads,
While stirring his banquet he looked up and said,
"I know it looks putrid, it tastes just like hell,
But man, it's organic, that makes it all swell."

third verse

O, Hillary lives upstairs alone in her room,
She reads Adelle Davis and weaves on her loom,
There's a rumor tho' that Hillary, despite what
she said
Keeps a big box of Hershey bars stashed under
her bed.
But we forgive these transgressions, and don't
say a word
When one of us slips and eats something absurd,
We all sneak our Fritos in moments of stress
But at least we're organic when there's friends
to impress.

Patty Hale



CLASSIFIEDS

RATES: Free if no money exchange involved (20 word limit). \$1 for first 15 words, 10¢ for each additional word. **DEADLINE:** Friday, Oct. 19. **PEACE NEWSLETTER** circulation 6,000.

"**WHY THE WAR IS NOT OVER**" is the title of the new slideshow SPC is selling/renting. It's a history of Viet Nam in 4 parts done by the Cornell Concerned Asian Scholars; great for classroom or study use; 60 minutes long it sells for \$20 (rental \$5) plus postage. An invaluable resource on Indochina.

DISTRIBUTE THE PEACE NEWSLETTER - the anti-war newspaper of central NY - door-to-door in your neighborhood or inquire at stores, offices, libraries in your area to see if they can be left (a free service for their customers!) each month; call SPC, 472-5478 for copies.

American Youth Hostel 735 S. Beech St., open after 5 pm, AYH passes sold; monthly meetings first & third Wed. monthly, 7:30.

Country roomates wanted for old farmhouse in Spafford, male or female, 45 min. to Syr. & 25 to Cortland, isolated, Call Mark at (607)749-2063 nights.

Christmas cards/holiday cards, SPC will have many attractive designs this year; can you help sell them to friends & neighbors? call SPC 472-5478.

PLOWSHARE - the 3rd annual Craftsfair & Sale sponsored by SPC will be held in early December; if you would like to work on the planning committee call the office 472-5478.

SPC G.E. Project needs back issues of *Fortune* 1970-73; any issues illustrating corporate power are of interest; call SPC.

Food Coop it's new and growing, if you want fresh vegetables at low prices call Dale at 478-1536.

"**That All May Live**" describes the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR). Write Box 271, Nyack, NY 10960 for your free copy.

Need A place to stay cheap and near S. U. call Jeff, 475-8722.

EDCENTRIC collectively-run radical education journal, needs skilled people. We especially need a man, to achieve some balance, but women should also write. Contact Edcentric, PO Box 1802, Eugene, OR 97401, (503) 343-0810.

"**The Peace**" an after school program for girls age 12-18, will open it's doors Monday, Oct. 1; for information on location and time call Shirley Nunn 422-9167.

Poets A future issue of the PEACE NEWSLETTER will carry a section of poetry. Please submit your work at SPC. Poems relating to the movement for social change would be especially good.

SPC needs staplers, staplers, staplers, staplers & scissors.

Light trucking Reasonable, dependable movers; attics, cellars, garages cleaned. 458-2634, 683-5866.

Akwesasne Notes publication of Mohawk Nation via Roosevelt-town, NY 13683 (518)358-4697.

Puppet shows Punch & Judy Playhouse, 479-5264, call eves.

"**Arts of Viet Nam**" souvenir poster available on heavy tan stock; 14" x 22" designed by artist Dorothea Sierra; \$1.50 with money going to Medical Aid for Indochina; order from SPC.

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BOYCOTT FARAH

OCTOBER 1973 SPC CALENDAR

September

- 28 Fri Study group, 8:00 pm, 355 Webster,
Bonhoeffer's Cost of Discipleship
- 30 Sun Valley Peace Group meeting, Kathy and
Kevin Morton's, 264 Empire Ave, 7:30 pm

October

- 1 Mon SPC Potluck Dinner - 6:30 pm, Grace Church,
"Why the War Is Not Over", SPC's excellent
new slide show on the history of Viet Nam.
- Mon Onondaga County Women's Political Caucus
meeting, DeWitt Community Church, 7:30 pm
- 3 Wed Indochina Peace Campaign Tour: Jane Fonda
Tom Hayden, Holly Near, Jean Debris
Hendricks Chapel, 8:00 pm
Fund-raising Cocktail Buffet, 5:30-7:30
- 5 Fri Women's Information Center - Friday Night
Alternative, 8:00 pm, 104 Avondale Pl., Rap
session, all women welcome.
- 7 Sun Mass leafletting, 1-3 pm, "POW's and Political
Prisoners". Volunteers needed. Call
472-5478
- Sun Jane and David Barton speaking on Political
Prisoners at the Church Center, 7:30 pm
(see article page 13)
- 8 Mon SPC Potluck Dinner - 6:30 pm, Grace Church,
"The Proposed Zoning Law - What Now?"
Members of collectives and other people dis-
cuss current status of the proposal.
- 9 Tues Peace Council Steering Committee Meeting,
924 Burnet Ave., 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome.
- 11 Thurs War Tax Resistance meeting, Peter Wirth's,
102 Avondale Place, 6:30 pm, potluck supper.
- Thurs SpC Non-violence group supper meeting, 6:30-
501 Second St., Liverpool
- 12 Fri SPC Study group, 8:00 pm. Call SpC for details.
- Fri Unity Acres Film Benefit: "The War Between Men
and Women", starring Jack Lemmon. \$1:00 donation
6, 8, 10 pm. Gifford Aud., SU campus
- Fri Women's Information Center Friday Night Alter-
native (see October 5)
- 13 Sat Peace Work Day at the Savoy Coffee House, So.
Beech St. by Westcott Neighborhood Group, 10:30-
1:30 pm. All invited.
- Sat "Meet the Candidate", 1:00 pm, DeWitt Com-
munity Church. Sponsored by the O.C. Women's
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- 14 Sun WNY5-TV (Channel 9), Community Forum, 12
Fonda, Hayden, Debris guests
- 15 Mon SPC Potluck Dinner - 6:30 pm, Grace Church
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- 17 Wed INFO Meeting of the new Coordinating Com-
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- 18 Thurs Social Get-to-gether of Wescott Neighborhoo
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To Congressmen James Hanley, William Walsh, _____,
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SPC BIRTHDAY DINNER THURS., NOV. 15

Birthday cake, wine, and child care will all be provided at SPC's 38th Birthday party on Thursday evening, November 15. The pot-luck dinner will be held at Plymouth Congregational Church, 232 E. Onondaga Street, at 6:30 pm. Bring food to share.

Seymour Melman is a co-chairperson of SANE, a Citizens' Organization for a Sané World. He is a professor of industrial engineering at Columbia University, and author of Pentagon Capitalism. Melman presents a logical refutation of the American ideology that a war economy is economically beneficial. One of his articles, Who Needs a War Economy? was reprinted in the July issue of the Peace Newsletter.

SEYMOUR MELMAN SPEAKER

17th ANNUAL PEACE AWARD

At the Birthday Dinner, the Peace Award for "dedication, leadership and active involvement in the struggle for peace and human equality" will be presented for the seventeenth time. Suggestions of recipients are welcome and should be made immediately to Lillian Rainer, 472-2449 or Dik Cool, 472-5478. Come to the Dinner to celebrate with SPC's answer to Henry Kissinger.

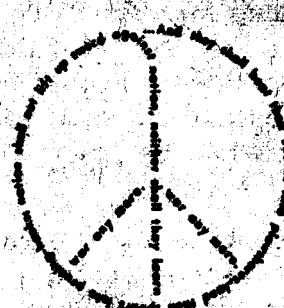
TEACHING NOTES

The first issue of TEACHING NOTES for the current school year was mailed out Oct. 15. It contained an original article by a local teacher as well as reprinted articles. Future issues will include "Toys for Children," "Conscientious Objection," "Using I'm OK - You're OK," and "Junior ROTC in the Schools."

For those of you new to Teaching Notes, its purpose is to exchange teaching strategies and consider peace issues in education. New subscribers and contributors are needed. The yearly cost is a phone call to Kathy Nicholson (479-5844) or Phyllis Denno (479-8478). If you would like to get on the mailing list or offer any criticisms, call.

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LEGISLATIVE

REPORT

Letters to senators and representatives and personal visits to their local offices are an important part of working for peace and social change. The purpose of Legislative Report is to provide background information on peace-related legislation in Congress, to be used as a resource in communicating with congresspeople. Copies of letters should also be sent to the local papers.

ABOUREZK AMENDMENT

The Abourezk amendment to the Foreign Aid Authorization Bill, which would have prohibited US funding of any country's police and prison system--thereby ending US support for Thieu's police-prison apparatus--was voted down 51-44 in the Senate on Oct. 1. The vote was a setback but not a final defeat, for it revealed unexpected anti-war strength in Congress and gave birth to a new round of peace initiatives.

The leading fence-sitters on this issue - Muskie, Hughes, Benson, Huddleston, Schweiker and Humphrey - voted for the amendment. And since such liberals as Fulbright, Javits and Hart failed to vote, the Senate is closer to ending aid to Thieu than the count indicates.

In place of the Abourezk amendment, the Senate attached non-binding statements to the final aid bill that it is the "sense of Congress" that the political prisoners should be released and that no aid should be given to any government which violates the peace agreement.

Congressional peace sentiment was also revealed by the recent 49-43 vote against the Hughes amendment, which would have cut back US military aid to Saigon to the 1-to-1 replacement level permitted by the vote, since the amendment almost passed even though little organized anti-war lobbying preceded it.

These votes would never have happened without the pressure, information and analysis generated by the peace movement. Unfortunately, a widespread demand on behalf of the prisoners has not yet developed, because too many Americans think the war is "over" and too many Congresspeople still regard foreign aid solely as a humanitarian program.

Moreover, the Nixon administration worked behind the scenes to block Abourezk's amendment. In an interview with Focal Point, an Indochina Peace Campaign publication, after the vote, Senator Abourezk said "The administration's Agency for International Development (which created Saigon's police system) lobbied so fiercely that it even sent someone over to lobby my own staff!"

These recent votes prove that there is a significant Congressional base (including between 40-45 senators) willing to cut military aid to Thieu's regime.

Under usual circumstances, Abourezk-type amendments are not re-introduced after they have been voted down. However, the vote was strong enough to act as a stimulus for raising it again in the next round of congressional lawmaking--in the Appropriations committees where the votes will occur this month.

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APPROPRIATIONS

The next target for anti-war lobbying will be the House Appropriations Committee where funding bills originate. Unlike the Foreign Relations Committees where the authorization bills originate, the Appropriations Committees have little consciousness and practically no detailed knowledge about Thieu's police state (nor about the contents of the Peace Agreement). The prisoner issue must be raised directly with the Committee members through visits to their local offices. Next, letters should be sent from constituents, thoroughly documenting the number of political prisoners held in Saigon, the extent of US funding responsibility and torture accounts.

Members of the Appropriation Committee sub-committees should be pressed to include cut-off provisions in the language of the bill rather than in an amendment, which is more vulnerable to being excluded from the final bill. Members of the Appropriations Committee in the House who should be contacted are: Roybal (Calif), Long (Md), Roush (Ind) and Yates (Ill) all members of the Foreign Operations Sub-Committee.

Addabbo (NY), Glamo (Conn) and Flint (Ga) in the Defense Sub-Committee.

After votes in these sub-committees and in the whole Appropriations Committee, the aid bill goes before the entire House of Repre-

sentatives, at which time all the congress-people should be pressed to vote for the new cut-off provision.

Then the appropriations bill goes to the Senate, where the process begins again. Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee who should be asked to support anti-Thieu provisions during the bill-writing include: Chiles (Fla), Brooks (Mass), Hatfield (Ore), Inouye (Hi) and Mathias (Md) all in Foreign Relations Sub-Com.

Case (NJ), Mansfield (Mont), and Brooks (Mass) in the Defense Sub-Committee.

If the Senate Committee votes are successful, the focus of pressure should then shift to Senators Percy, Saxbe, Hathaway and other moderates who voted against the A-bourezk amendment.

However, no anti-Thieu vote should be considered absolutely secure and pressure must be kept on all the Congresspeople even as we focus on a few of them more directly. Many Congresspeople fail to understand the increasing possibility of a new round of full-scale war in Viet Nam and US re-intervention if Thieu is not forced to release the prisoners and to implement the other provisions of the Peace Agreement.

IMPEACHMENT

A spontaneous outpouring of impeachment sentiment has followed Mr. Nixon's latest insult -- obstruction of justice through the firing of Archibald Cox. The SPC has been overloaded with calls running, as are calls to local Congressman, overwhelmingly for impeachment. Activities have sprung up all over upstate NY; in Cortland, Ithaca, Rochester, Oswego and Syracuse campuses are organizing around the issue. A meeting has been called by the Syracuse ACLU to help people know what to do.

SPC is calling for a large TOWN MEETING ON IMPEACHMENT to take place Thurs., Nov. 8. The location and time aren't definite yet. A large number of co-sponsors will be sought for this event. Reps. Hanley & Welsh will be asked to attend and respond to the testimony and remarks of their constituents. A person knowledgeable on impeachment will explain its workings. Opinions both pro and con will be examined. This is a large event that will take a good deal of quick work. To help call Dick at the SPC office, 472-5478.

SPC LITERATURE

The literature committee has finished the new 1973-74 literature brochures. Everyone on the mailing list recently received one. Please look through it and consider giving books as gifts this holiday season. If you would like a copy or a quantity for distribution to a school, club or whatever call the office. The Indochina Bulletin, which SPC has been reprinting for almost a year, may undergo some changes. More on this next month.

1974 ART/MOVEMENT & HANG IN THERE

1974: ART/MOVEMENT is the new SPC calendar. It's a unique combination of local artists' works and hundreds of important dates related to social change. It's spiral bound, multi-colored and can be hung or carried. Plenty of room for notes. \$2.00 each, 3 or more \$2.14 each (tax included).

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We Accuse -- Back from Saigon's Prisons
By Jean-Pierre Debris & Andre Menras, 1973, \$1.25, 94 pp. The horrifying story of Thieu's 200,000 political prisoners chronicled by 2 Frenchman who lived it for 2 years.

Children of Viet Nam
Tran-Khanh-Tuyet, 1973, 30 large pp., 75¢. A lovely story/coloring book. The perfect gift for children.

New Chile
North American Congress on Latin America (NACLA), 1973, \$1.50. An incisive look at Allende's progress towards a socialist Chile without the U.S. media's haze of anti-communism. An important, timely book.

Yanqui Dollar
NACLA, 1972, \$1.50. A thorough, well-documented work on the insidious role of the U.S. in the affairs of Latin American countries.



The Steering Committee of SPC has issued the following statement:

Richard Nixon has blatantly obstructed the judicial process by the firing of Archibald Cox. This is but the latest infamy in a long series which has included: 1) at least 6 million victims in Indochina from 1969-73; 2) Water-gate; 3) the secret war in Cambodia; 4) the wage freeze and refusal to spend appropriated funds for domestic needs; 5) violation of the Viet Nam Peace Agreement through massive aid to General Thieu; 6) repression of popular dissent.

The Syracuse Peace Council does not feel that Mr. Nixon's reluctant decision to turn over the possible altered tapes should make any difference in the American people's struggle for a more just government.

The Syracuse Peace Council, therefore, calls for the resignation or impeachment of Richard Nixon.

SPC urges the House of Representatives, pursuant to article, section 2 of the U.S. Constitution to approve H. Res. 513, introduced by Rep. Robert F. Dornan of Mass., which reads as follows: "Resolved, that Richard Nixon, President of the United States, is impeached of high crimes and misdemeanors."



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Appalled, bewildered,
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By drunken old War.

The world needs a cup of milk,
Warm with kindness,
In a fireside corner,
On a low footstool,
A reassuring arm
And a homelike voice.

From, "The World Is a Child"
by Sarah Cleghorn



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A C.O. IN THE MILITARY

In August of 1972, I applied for a discharge from the Air Force as a conscientious objector. My opposition to American action in Viet Nam had been growing since I was stationed there in 1970. With the stepped-up bombing in the spring of 1972, it became so intense that I decided to resist any attempt to use me in the air war.

The decision to file a C. O. application was a tactical one, brought on by military orders. I was caught unprepared by orders to Okinawa in July of 72. The orders gave me only 3 days notice for my departure. Three days is not much time for a decision. I was thinking of either making a public stand and refusing the orders, or finding an angle that would get me out of the orders. Conscientious objection hadn't entered my mind.

ACLU suggested a C. O. application. The thinking was that it might stop my orders, especially if my security clearance were withdrawn. So I announced my intention to file for a C. O., started preparing my application, and spent the last day before my departure trying to lose my security clearance.

The attempts to lose the clearance didn't work and I got on the plane for Okinawa. It wasn't until a week before I was scheduled to return that my security clearance was withdrawn. That was six months later. Commanders in North Carolina and Okinawa were more concerned with having a body to fill a slot than with my statements that I would release classified information in some situations.

Although I didn't think of myself as a conscientious objector when I decided to apply, the basis for a C. O. position was present in my opposition to the Viet Nam war. Thinking through my application caused some changes. It moved me from the position of a selective objector to a more general objection to war.

RACISM AND WAR

My experiences in Viet Nam were the starting point for my objection. The racist treatment of the Vietnamese by Americans had the most impact on me. Every day I saw Americans abuse the Vietnamese. American GIs would break out laughing when their bus would run a Vietnamese motorcyclist off the road. "Gook" seemed to be the most commonly used American word.

A good example of the racism is in the treatment of gonorrhea. Prostitution was legal at the Army base in Nha Trang (where I was assigned). GIs and prostitutes were constantly getting gonorrhea from each other. The GIs would go to the dispensary for treatment. No attempt was ever made to find the women who had VD and give them treatment. It wasn't even talked or thought about.

At the same time that I was seeing this racism, I was also reading about My Lai, the "free-fire zone" policy, and the American reliance on artillery and air power. It became clear to me that an essential trait of our people and an essential part of our war policy was a denial of the humanity of the Vietnamese. This racism was evident in all political, age, regional, racial, educational groups. When I began thinking more about war in general, it seemed that this racism was an essential part of waging war.

PROFESSIONALISM

Another important factor in my objection was the irresponsible professionalism of the military. This professionalism is especially characteristic of the Air Force. It is specialized enough that each individual can be absorbed in the technical aspects of a task without thinking about final results. Clerks, mechanics, etc. don't seem to realize that they are in a killing business.

Even bomber crews felt far enough removed from the killing that they could ignore it. I remember one pilot expressing the desire to get back to Guam "where the action is. You can really build flying time there." Many officers volunteered for temporary duty in Asia as a way to advance their careers. No one seemed to consider the consequences of his actions in any way other than career-serving terms.

GETTING OUT

Getting a C. O. discharge requires a written statement, and interviews with a psychiatrist, a chaplain, and an investigating officer. You have to be sincerely opposed to "war in any form." And the opposition must be based on religious training and belief. The latter is so broadly defined that it is meaningless. Sincerity and general objection to war are the important tests.

In convincing the military of your sincere opposition to war, sincerity and honesty are not as important as literacy, debating skills, and a pragmatic attitude about the process. Sincere objectors with poorly written statements, and people who are easily badgered and confused by an interviewer have their applications rejected. I knew one C. O. whose application was rejected primarily because he began his chaplain's interview with an attack on chaplains.

The application is supposed to be processed in 3 months. Mine took almost 9 months before it was approved. Bureaucratic bungling and indifference was the source of the delay. Minor errors by personnel and legal offices resulted in my paperwork being shuffled from one organization to another. A lot of the delay is built into the process. An application has to go through each level in the chain of command until AF headquarters makes a final decision. This is unnecessary to begin with. And it gives each organization the opportunity to return an application, because they each interpret regulations differently. A number of the people who handle an application are unfamiliar with the process.

I encountered only one instance of military hostility toward me. This was from a Catholic chaplain from whom I had sought

information about his church's position on war. He didn't give me the information, but he did give me a lot of condescension and verbal abuse. He also gave the personnel office the idea that I couldn't apply because I was only on a temporary duty assignment to Okinawa.

Civilian groups were of some help to me. Lawyers from the National Lawyers Guild, ACLU, and the Center for Constitutional Rights advised me at various times: mainly in my efforts to speed up the process. There was no local GI counseling service and no anti-war organization where I was stationed in the U. S. (Seymour Johnson AFB, Goldsboro, N. C.). If there had been, perhaps I would have filed for a C. O. earlier or I might have been better prepared to resist. There are still quite a few bases without the kind of anti-military support the GIs need.

A COP-OUT ?

The choice the objector in the military has to make is quite different from the one the objector facing the draft must make. The cooperation of a Selective Service C. O. is minimal. The C. O. in the military has to do all the things (except handle weapons) that he or she is opposed to.

A C. O. in the military is not so much copping out as being strung along by the military. I had no idea that it would take so long to get out or that I would have to cooperate as much as I did while my application was being considered. If I had I would have taken another course. Filing for a C. O. is not making a stand. It is a device for getting out. If getting out is the only stand a GI wants to make, and it is not important what he does before he gets out, then a C. O. may be for him. But a sincere objector doesn't want to do the military's work. There are options a GI has besides filing for a C. O., and short of complete resistance. Making oneself unsuitable to the military involves non-cooperation and may get a GI out eventually. Gimmicks may get one out a lot quicker than a C. O. I would suggest these routes or complete non-cooperation to any sincere C. O. in the military.

Bob Nicholson

SOLIDARITY WEEK WITH CHILE

The week of October 8-14 was International Solidarity Week with the Popular Forces in Chile. Throughout that week, both in the U.S. and abroad, demonstrations were held to protest the military dictatorship which overthrew the legally elected government of Chile last September.

Here in Syracuse, the Ad Hoc Committee to Defend Chile was formed to co-ordinate local activities during Solidarity Week and the weeks to come. The Committee's efforts centered on two principal events: an educational gathering on Thursday, October 11, and a demonstration at the offices of Anaconda Co. in downtown Syracuse, on Friday October 12.

EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT

Dr. James Ritter spoke Thursday after a showing of the film, "When the People Awake," an hour-long chronicle of the Allende government. Dr. Ritter lived in Chile throughout most of Salvador Allende's Popular Unity government, and he was in Chile at the time of the military coup. Arrested by the police, he was incarcerated in the national soccer stadium with some 7000 other political prisoners. His story was a terrifying one-- and he was careful to describe only events that he witnessed personally. He told of the torture and murder of some prisoners, and of the innumerable and repeated beatings that befell all prisoners. "One man in my section," he said, "was beaten with a rubber hose filled with cement. He was paralyzed, and they just left him lying in the open. We cared for him as best we could."

"My experience," he went on, "must be multiplied by 10 million-- the population of Chile-- to understand the reality of Chile today. Literally everyone knows someone who has been arrested, shot, or is simply missing."



Demonstrators listen to Allende's final words prior to marching to the Anaconda Copper Co. photo by Elana

DEMONSTRATION HELD

The demonstration on Friday was mounted against Anaconda Co. because Anaconda was the second largest U.S. copper mining company in Chile until it was nationalized in 1971 by the Allende government. After the nationalization, Anaconda participated with ITT, Kennecott, and other U.S. corporations in the economic blockade of Chile designed to undermine the Chilean economy and thereby discredit the Popular Unity government. The demonstration drew about fifty people who picketed Anaconda for several hours.

The Ad Hoc committee is now in the process of planning a number of future projects; anyone interested in participating in the work of the committee is urged to call the Peace Council.

The committee has also incurred a number of debts in connection with its activities during Solidarity week. Since our work is wholly dependent on donations from sympathetic people, we ask that you take the time to send just a dollar or two to help us cover our expenses. Donations should be sent to the Syracuse Peace Council (Chile Committee) 924 Burnet Ave, Syracuse, NY 13203.

Bill LeoGrande

PEACE CAMPAIGN TOUR IN SYRACUSE

JANE FONDA

TOM HAYDEN

HOLLY NEAR

JEAN PIERRE DEBRIS

BOB CHEMOWETH



Fonda, Hayden at Hendricks Chapel
Photos by Lorenz

SPEAK WITH GRAVE CONCERN FOR VIET NAM, ITS PRISONERS, ITS FUTURE

The Indochina Peace Campaign Tour visited Syracuse again this year, and again they spoke of the plight of the s. Viet Nameese, and again they appealed to Americans to end the war.

The war, they said, cannot be considered over as long as the Peace Agreements are being so blatantly violated by Thieu. The Council of National Reconciliation and Concord, made up of the three political segments in s. Viet Nam, was to have been constituted by April 27th. This, and therefore the holding of free elections remain an impossibility as long as Thieu holds his political opposition, over 200,000 people, in prisons. Jane Fonda placed this situation in the context of the U.S. -- imagine 2 million American citizens, including the Democratic Party, in jail! They warned of new outbreaks of fighting, including U.S. military reinter-vention, if the people were continued being denied their right to self-determination.

But the message was also one of optimism -- ending the war is well within the political power of Americans. U.S. economic support of Thieu is a two-edged sword -- he can be financially pressured into compliance or deposed. They pointed to the growing concern of congressmen, the increasing support for bills like the Abourezk amendments. Americans must help educate their congressmen -- the funding of a Texas company to build new and better tiger cages last year was provided in an obscure piece of farm legislation.

Over 1000 people filled Hendricks Chapel for the major event of the Tour's one day stay in

Syracuse. Long time peace activists, who should be jaded by now, felt the two-hour presentation to be the most moving, effective they ever witnessed.

Jean Pierre Debris was nearly overwhelming in recounting his own experiences of torture in Saigon prisons. Jean, a French school teacher, was arrested the first time he stepped out on a Saigon street with leaflets calling for peace. He spent 2 1/2 years in jail and was released last December after the French government mounted an all-out campaign. This, of course, has convinced him that Americans can also bring personal pressure to bear to save the lives of the political prisoners.

Speaking in contrast to Jean was Bob Chemoweth, an American POW released last March after five years in n. Viet Nam. Bob's own experiences, and all that he witnessed contradict the "horror stories" of some. For several months immediately after his capture, Bob lived with Viet Nameese villagers. This period proved crucial to his deepening understanding that the U.S. was fighting a true peoples' movement.

The audience seemed genuinely aroused. After the main program, many stayed for questions/answers. They surrounded the literature tables, buying Jean Pierre's personal account of repression "We Accuse", "Women Under Torture", and political prisoner bracelets.

The evening was ended with Holly Near singing her poignant songs of protest at Jabberwocky.

The fund-raising cocktail buffet successfully netted over \$400 -- the efforts of the committee headed by Ruth Janks are very appreciated.

MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

The following letter was sent to the editors of the Post Standard and the Herald Journal as an initial Peace Council response to the Middle East War.

To the Editor:

The Syracuse Peace Council believes that the history of the past twenty-five years has shown that armed conflict will not bring lasting peace to the Middle East. Nor do we believe that military victory by either side in the current war will bring peace. Consequently we call on all parties to initiate an immediate ceasefire.

Believing the military involvement of the super-powers will lengthen the war and indeed risks World War III, the Peace Council has sent telegrams to the government of the Soviet Union and the government of the United States, calling on each government to halt the shipment of arms to the Middle East.

The Peace Council is pro-Israeli and pro-Arab. The people of all these nations are undergoing tremendous suffering because of the inability of their governments to come to a solution. Israel as a state is an historical reality and has a right to fixed and secure borders. Jordan, Egypt, Syria, and Lebanon have a right to fixed and secure borders. The national aspirations of the Palestinians are equally justified and the Palestinians are owed justice and dignity as any other people. There is no solution to the Middle East conflict that will totally satisfy all parties involved. Negotiated compromise based on common humanity is the only direction toward peace.

The Peace Council feels that it is vital to focus public attention on the various proposals for a negotiated settlement that have been put forth by all sides during the past few years. Accordingly SPC is holding a public forum on past and present peace plans, to be held Monday, October 29, at Grant Auditorium, Syracuse Law School, 8:00pm. The peace proposals will be made by

local people knowledgeable on the Middle East and representing all viewpoints. In addition to the proposals there will be an open mike so that anyone present may speak. We invite the public to come and share its views.

David Easter
Syracuse Peace Council

WAR PRESSURES

The crisis in the Middle East has presented a test to the Peace Council which in past years the organization has more or less avoided. The Peace Council is dedicated to searching out non-military solutions to international conflict and to carrying out an educational campaign for the adoption of those solutions. Yet as Peace Newsletter readers are aware, we have said very little about the Middle East, despite the fact that the Middle East conflict is a classic case of the complex pressures leading to war.

Each side in the war feels itself threatened and can produce credible evidence to document its fears. The Arabs see Israel as an expansionist state and have seen part of their lands taken away. Israel lives with a constant threat of surrounding Arab countries that have called for Israel's extinction and indeed Israel has seen its armies attacked.

Each side can defend its cause on the basis of nationalism. Israel asserts its national right to exist as a state, and the Palestinians with their Arab supporters assert the Palestinian right to national self determination. Economic considerations add to the pressures for war with oil in the Sinai desert and in Arab lands complicating the considerations of all concerned. In addition each side fights for strong humanitarian reasons. Israel to provide peace and security for a people who have been persecuted for centuries by vicious anti-semitism; the Arabs to ease the plight of thousands of Palestinian refugees.



LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

SUPER POWERS

The Middle East Conflict is made more dangerous and frightening by the involvement of the super powers who have expended millions to arm all the countries involved. Shortly after the current war started, knowledgeable observers reported that the war could not last ten days without the resupply efforts of the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.

A regional conflict threatens the world when the super powers are involved. Despite protests to the contrary, the super powers have considered the possibility of sending troops. Just one piece of evidence is that last August 9,000 marines carried out desert training exercises in the Mohave Desert in California. Time Magazine (August 27) reported:

"Armed with sophisticated Communist weaponry, the Yermonian army last week swept across the frontier of its southern neighbor, the peace-loving desert nation of Argos. While the Argosian army reeled back toward its coastal capital, Port of Palms, a U.S. Marine amphibious unit began streaming through the Sea of Bristol..."

The "aggressors" in the war games were clothed in uniforms resembling those of the Libyan army.

The test that the Middle East conflict brings to the Peace Council is to see whether we advocates of peace have anything to say that could help move the conflict to a peaceful settlement. Up until now the Peace Council has by and large failed this test by default. We have said practically nothing.

There are three reasons I feel for why the Peace Council has not acted: First, the problem is so complicated and overwhelming we have preferred to deal with issues which have seemed simpler.

Second is the fact that our membership has been and is divided in its sympathies. We have found consensus difficult to reach. This was most clearly illustrated by the Peace Council Middle East committee which met on a regular basis for over a year. The idea was to have a study group made up of people with opposing views, which could eventually focus on possible non-military solutions to the crisis. The committee, made up of people quite knowledgeable on the Middle East, found that it could agree on little other than the next meeting date. Although it must be said that in the eyes of the participants the fact that the dialogue could continue at all was a victory.



The Goddess of Peace at the Hague.

The third reason for not pushing on with peace work on the Middle East, I feel, was fear of criticism for stands taken or activities held. In a situation where the membership is divided and feelings run high, any activity would invite criticism.

IT CAN'T BE AVOIDED

Despite these three reasons, which remain with us, the Peace Council Steering Committee decided at its last meeting that we can not avoid the Middle East. The risks and suffering that result from war are too great to ignore. The Steering Committee felt that despite the complexity of the issue there are some things the Peace Council can say and SPC must involve itself with the problem.

The Peace Council would be going against its reason-for-being if it supported the war. We cannot support the senseless and futile territorialism of the Palestine liberation groups; nor the retributive retaliation strikes of Israel; nor the keeping of the refugees in camps for political reasons on the part of the Arab states. In addition we must speak out against the proven failure of the use of force of arms to bring peace to the area.



On the positive side we can focus public attention on the various peace proposals that have been made over the past few years.

We can help make clear that like any other international conflict the Middle East crisis isn't just a case of two sides. Each of the countries involved has its own position determined by its own interests and within each country or group there are hawks and doves, shades of opinion. The following ad describes a first step in doing this.

FORUM ON THE MIDDLE EAST

TO DISCUSS NON-MILITARY ALTERNATIVES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:00 P.M.

GRANT AUDITORIUM

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LITERATURE

What the Peace Council continues to do will depend on its membership. You are urged to not only inform yourself about the Middle East but involve yourself in thinking about peaceful solutions. Two books and an article the the Peace Council now has in stock are:

Search for Peace in the Middle East
prepared for the American Friends Service Committee.

Toward Middle East Dialogue
Responses to the Quakers' Search for Peace in the Middle East.

"Nationalism and Conflict in Palestine"
by Noam Chomsky.

Additional study materials are being ordered now by the Peace Council literature committee. Your suggestions would be appreciated.

David Easter

WAR TAX RESISTANCE FUND HELPS MOVEMENT GROUPS

Area war tax resisters have now pooled nearly \$20,000 of refused tax monies for recycling into social causes. A big boost to the Fund's assets came when IRS unquestioningly (for the time being) granted the large income tax refunds that some resisters claimed for war crimes.

The two largest loans ever considered by the Fund were recently granted to the National War Tax Resistance organization (\$2000) and Glad Day Press (\$4000).

National WTR is the clearinghouse for tax resistance groups throughout the country. It's the primary source of educational resources -- publishing "Tax Talk" monthly, and having provided such bibles as "ain't gonna pay for war no more" and "Hang up on the War".

Glad Day, in Ithaca, NY, is a nationally known, heavily used alternate press, and has served the anti-war movement since 1967. Its printing work is of the highest quality at unbelievably low prices. One of its custom-

ers is SPC of course. The money loaned Glad Day will go toward buying a much needed folding machine.

The next anti-war group to apply for a loan from the SPC WTR Fund may just be SPC, if its financial situation doesn't improve.



At the next meeting, the Fund will consider a loan request to help start a "hospitality house" in Syracuse, which would be modeled after those run by Catholic Worker groups. The meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Reg Riley's, 137 Clark St. -- potluck at 6:30. Everyone is welcome.

SPC NON VIOLENCE GROUP

The Nonviolence Group of SPC is meeting regularly on alternate Thursday evenings for supper and self education. Part of each meeting is given to sharing concerns and offering support and sometimes solutions. An important aspect of the group is its constant effort to recognize each member as an individual with unique needs and priorities. This gives the freedom for members to opt out of an activity which doesn't interest them but, more importantly, it enables people to work creatively on those things which seem vital to them. The group is acquiring more skill in the use of tools for solving problems non-violently. The spin-off study group has met several times (alternate Sunday evenings) and will begin studying a new book in mid-November. Anyone interested in the study of nonviolence is welcome to attend. See calendar for dates and place.

" CARRY IT ON "

FIRST ANNUAL
SPC FOLK FESTIVAL

Friday, December 7
8:00pm

With

MICHAEL COONEY
FENNIG'S ALL-STAR STRING BAND
LIVIA DRAPKIN & BILLY VANNAUER

Tickets: \$3.00
Available at:
Syracuse Peace Council
924 Burnet Ave.

Dragon's Emporium
742 South Beech

Syracuse Book Center
113 Marshal St

Watch for the location to be announced.

SOUTHERN AFRICA: WE'RE ON WRONG SIDE

The wave of independence movements across Africa in the 1960's had its effect on the white minority regimes of Southern Africa. But the responses of the governments in these areas were notably different: in the Sharpsville Massacre of 1961 policemen in the Republic of South Africa fired on a crowd of protestors and killed 164 Africans. In the Portuguese colonial territory of Angola a massive genocidal campaign to put down the beginnings of the liberation struggle there is said to have killed 75-150,000 Africans in six weeks (Nielsen, The Great Powers and Africa). In Rhodesia, the Unilateral Declaration of Independence (UDI) of the whites in 1965 inaugurated the imprisonment of African leaders and the banning of African political parties. More recently, in Mozambique, Catholic bishops have reported the massacre of 400 Africans in the village of Wiriyamu.

The countries of Southern Africa (Republic of South Africa, Namibia (South West Africa), Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), Angola and Mozambique) have much in common besides their brutal repression of the aspirations of their African peoples. They are all white minority ruled regimes that today face serious guerrilla or sabotage movements. More important for the American people, these regimes have found moral, economic, and military support from the U.S. government in their struggles against the African majority.

THE NATURE OF WHITE MINORITY RULE

Southern Africa is in many ways an anachronism in the modern world, but a dangerous one. Not only is it a scene of the perpetuation of the most barbaric colonial occupation in history (that of the Portuguese in Mozambique and Angola), but also of white domination and racial segregation and oppression on an unparalleled scale.

In the Republic of South Africa under apartheid Africans are subject to race registration, segregated and inferior facilities, housing, education, health care; incredibly low wages, forced removal from their ancestral homes, and threat of daily police terror or imprisonment. In Rhodesia, where whites represent only 5% of the population, the situation is virtually the same. In the Portuguese territories, Africans have been subjected to four centuries of the slave trade and contract labor system, and Portugal's "civilizing mission" has failed to develop any significant educational or health care program for the African people.

THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS

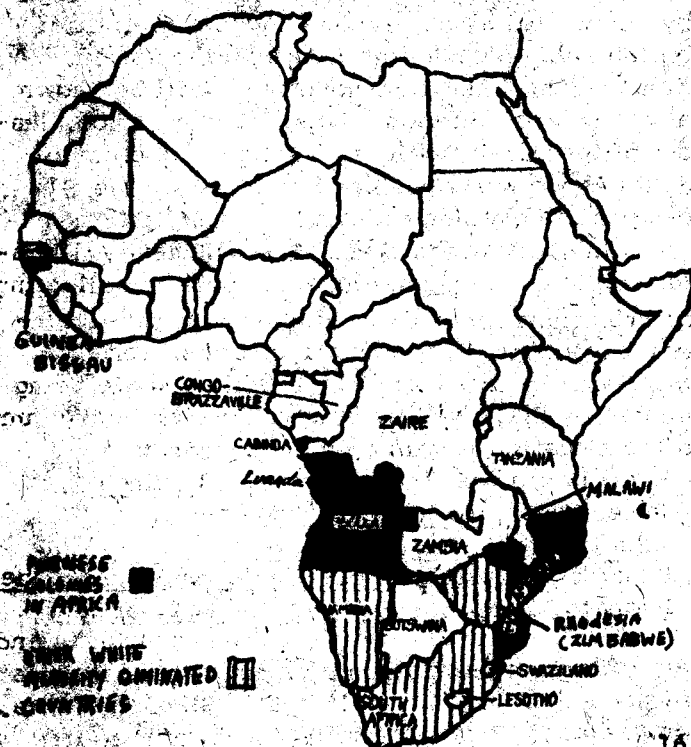
The brutal nature of these regimes has meant that African desire for self-determination has taken the form of wars of liberation. The open racial nature of these conflicts makes it of supreme significance for the world and for the U.S. Congressman Charles Diggs has noted, "the racial overtones of our alliance with the Portuguese in Africa are the most potentially disruptive of our own society."

The Portuguese face a serious guerrilla threat in Guinea Bissau, West Africa, led by PAIGC; in Angola, led by MPLA; and in Mozambique, led by FRELIMO. These conflicts now involve 160,000 Portuguese troops and between 27-43,000 guerrillas. This represents 3 times the number of soldiers per capita than the U.S. sent at the height of Johnson's escalation in Vietnam. 50% of the Portuguese budget goes to these wars, which is causing inflation and growing discontent at home.

U.S. INVOLVEMENT

The U.S. is supplying the Portuguese much needed help in these wars. Through NATO we provide the Portuguese with arms, airplanes, herbicides, defoliants, napalm and money. We are spending over \$1 million a year on training Portuguese military personnel. Renewal of the Azores Agreement, which allows U.S. use of Portuguese African territory for a military base, in 1971 netted the Portuguese \$436 million from the Nixon government.

This military support has been supplemented under Nixon by diplomatic and moral support of the





"The experience in Vietnam should underscore that the Portuguese can never win these wars in Africa. We must remember that the struggle is simply being prolonged by virtue of the strong moral and material support provided by the United States." - Rep. Charles Diggs, Jr., Chr. House Subcommittee on Africa.

ASA Conference Activities:

Oct. 31-Nov. 3
 Everson Museum: free films, art show
 Nov. 1: Oliver Tambo, leader of ANC of S.A., will speak at Hendricks on SU campus at night



tions against Rhodesia. Future activities of the group will include programs at local churches, a PC Monday Night Program, and, hopefully, bringing Rep. Diggs to speak on the SU campus.

CONFERENCE

The African Studies Association Conference sponsored by SU from Oct. 31-Nov. 3 at the Hotel Syracuse will also provide a focus of activities on the subject of Southern African Liberation. Films on the liberation movements will be shown at the Everson on those days. Oliver Tambo, leader of the banned African National Congress of South Africa will speak at Hendricks on the SU campus the evening of Nov. 1.

In addition the Committee will have a literature table at the Conference and will be collecting contributions for medical supplies for the liberation movements. The following books, some of which will be available at the table and are being ordered by SPC, will provide you with a background to the situation in this area of the world:

- Basil Davidson, The Liberation of Guinea
- James Duffy, Portugal in Africa
- Albert Luthuli, Let My People Go
- Eduardo Mondlane, The Struggle for Mozambique
- Leonard Thompson, Polit. in the Rep. of S.A.

The Committee actively desires the ideas and help of the community in these activities. People are needed to man the table at the ASA Conference. You can contact the Committee or drop in on its meetings, Mondays at noon at 199 College Pl. (423-2552). Or call Diana Ellis, 472-1884.

Portuguese. Clark MacGregor, Nixon's former campaign manager, said in Mozambique, "The ties that connect Portugal and the United States are strong, and they will become stronger still in the future." In the U.N. we have voted against granting observer status to the liberation movements and refused to back resolutions seeking to force the white minority regimes of Southern Africa to grant political representation to the Africans.

U.S. corporations are also deeply involved in Southern Africa. Last year Gulf Oil paid the Angolan government \$50 million in taxes and royalties, which nearly covered Portuguese war costs there. In 1968 U.S. corporations in the Republic were often netting as much as 25% in profits from their \$1 billion investments in cheap black labor.

COMMITTEE FORMED

Recently a Committee on Southern African Liberation has been formed in the Syracuse area to educate people about the white minority regimes, the liberation movements and growing U.S. involvement in this area of the world. The group also hopes to raise material support in the form of medical supplies, food and clothing for the liberation movements.

In the past two weeks a petition campaign aimed at local Congressmen netted 254 signatures and the pledge of at least one Congressman (Rep. Walsh) to vote in favor of reimposing U.S. sanc-



VALLEY

The Valley Peace Group held meetings at Morton's on September 30 and at Diehl's on October 21.

The mass leafletting on Oct. 7 about Vietnamese Political Prisoners was cancelled due to illness and colds. It has been re-scheduled for Saturday, October 27 at 10:00 a.m. Meet at Lila Walker's home, 225 Maplewood Ave.

At the meeting of Oct. 21, members of the group planned two actions for next week. First, each person plans to write statements to Congresspersons and Senators about presidential impeachment and the proposed \$2.4 billion military support for Israel, which may lead to increasing arms buildup in the Middle East. Secondly, members will duplicate and distribute a flyer on the Middle East situation.

Next meeting is November 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Diehl's. (120 Crippen Pl. #3- 469-7053)

LIVERPOOL

The Liverpool area peace group will hold a seminar on methods for directing a class in creative conflict resolution on November 21, at 7:30 pm in the First Presbyterian church in Liverpool. The proposed course in creative conflict resolution for the Liverpool adult education curriculum was reviewed by a school district advisory committee and highly recommended to the school board for inclusion in the spring semester. It will now go to the board for final approval.

ACKERMAN

The Ackerman group worked to distribute No Peace No Honor door-to-door in the area as part of the Peace Council campaign on behalf of the Saigon political prisoners. We are searching for people in the Ackerman vicinity who would like to participate in peace activities. If you are new to the area and would like to meet peace minded neighbors, call Janet Bogdan, 479-7618.

WESTCOTT

The Westcott neighborhood group leaflets once a month. Approximately thirty people presently leaflet one block each, distributing a thousand leaflets each month door-to-door. We could use more help to keep this project strong. On October 18 we had a small social get-together at Linda Popoff's. On November 15 we will go as a group to the SPC Birthday Dinner featuring Seymour Melman. Phone Linda, 472-0877, to pick up a ride via maxivan.

The Westcott group is looking for places to sell SPC Holiday Cards. Do you know of any neighborhood bazars or convocations upcoming where this might be a possibility? Do you belong to an organization which may be willing to give exposure to these cards? Call Sue, 472-3726.

SALTSPRINGS

The Salt Springs group met October 15 with Attica defendant Charles Pernalilice to discuss Attica defense activities and to make plans for a fund raising dinner for the defence fund. In addition this month members worked to distribute No Peace No Honor in the neighborhood. The group plans to work on the town meeting on Impeachment to be held November 8, described elsewhere in this Peace Newsletter.

SOCIAL CHANGE THROUGH CREATIVE CONFLICT

A weekend symposium sponsored by the Non-violence Studies Program and the Center on Human Policy, S.U... to study the elements of conflict as they vary in different institutional sectors, to understand the ways in which crisis can be generated, pursued, and terminated in a manner conducive to positive change.

Nov. 10 10:00-5:00, Nov. 11 9:00-4:00
Sessions to be held in Maxwell Founders Room
For additional information, call 423-3870.



Several films have been used this past month. Among them are: Hiroshima-Nagasaki, Holy Outlaw, So the People Should Know and No Vietnamese Ever Called Me Nigger.

Keep in mind that we always have films and slide shows as well as tapes available. Projectors may be borrowed also.

Our newest film has just arrived. Viet Nam: A Question of Torture will answer questions about Thieu's political prisoners. The film is 30 minutes in color and was made by Britains leading commercial TV company, Granada.

Among those interviewed in the film are 2 American physiotherapists who worked in Quang Nai hospital for 2 years, Jane & David Barton:

"People come to the prisoner ward at the hospital often immediately after they've been tortured," Jane Barton said, because prison officials "prefer not to have a dead body at the interrogation center. . . . The torture that we see the results of most frequently is [attaching] electrical wires to people's toes, or fingers, or sensitive parts of their bodies."

The Bartons had films and still photographs of some of the victims.

Two were women who had been beaten on the head until their skulls fractured and they became paralyzed

on one side of their bodies. One was a young girl, the other a 67-year-old woman.

Granada also showed 60-year-old Mrs. Ba Shau, who was blinded by lime thrown in her face by guards when she was held in the tiger cages on Con Son Island. Granada showed other freed prisoners from Con Son being treated by a former American Air Force doctor, John Champlain. Dr. Champlain described how various prisoners lost the use of their legs by being confined in the cages or shackled to their beds.

Films may be rented at a very small fee by calling Ronnie Vitacolonna at 446-7523. Brochures listing SPC's fifteen 16mm films, 8 slideshows and numerous tapes are also available.



photo: Jane Barton

Young women chained to bed at Quang Ngai Province Hospital.

Sales and rentals of the SPC slideshow WHY THE WAR IS NOT OVER continue steady. About 10 copies have been sold in the last 3 weeks. If your school A-V dept. does not have this valuable history of Viet Nam as a permanent resource call the office and we'll send you a promotional brochure which you can use to set up a preview showing.

HUMPHREY BOGART in THE CAINE MUTINY



An adaptation of Herman Wouk's Pulitzer Prize novel featuring strong performances by an excellent cast including Van Johnson, Jose Ferrer, Fred MacMurray, May Wynn, Tom Tully and E. G. Marshall. The film's climactic courtroom sequence provides Bogart with some of his great moments. Bogart was nominated for an Oscar, as were the picture, screenplay, editing, score and Tom Tully's supporting performance.

"BOGART AS QUEEG IS NEVER LESS THAN EVERYTHING THE BOOK SAID HE WAS. . . ."

--Time

= SECOND FEATURE =

TOBACCO ROAD

Directed by John Ford (Grapes of Wrath, The Informer)
From the Erskin Caldwell novel

Ford's picture faithfully reflects the struggle and the wildness of the Depression-day farm people. A classic in its day, time has not dulled any of the sharp wit and realism of this John Ford masterpiece.

"JOHN FORD HAS BROUGHT HIS MASTER TOUCH TO THE EARTHY WORLD OF ERSKIN CALDWELL'S PEOPLE."

--N.Y. Times

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CLASSIC DOUBLE FEATURES

Films that have influenced 20th century thought.

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POLITICAL PRISONERS

VU HANH'S SON-GIVEN PREVIOUS PUBLICITY-SINGLED OUT FOR MISTREATMENT-NOW CRITICALLY ILL-FAMILY REFUSED VISITATION-CAN YOU INTERVENE ON EMERGENCY BASIS?

This telegram was received recently by the Indochina Resource Center in Washington - a plea for help from a friend in Saigon. Nguyen Anh Tuan, 23, was arrested on July 2, 1968. In January, 1969, he was sentenced to 20 years hard labor for protesting the arbitrary jailing of his father and for demanding peace.

It is possible that this serious attack on Nguyen Anh Tuan, son of Vu Hanh, may be a test by the Saigon government. Thieu has released Mme. Ngo Ba Thanh, three well-known labor leaders, and other personalities in hopes of cooling down the world-wide protests. Now, he is cracking down on other publicized political prisoners to discourage protest, making it appear hopeless and counter productive to pressure for the release of individual prisoners.

This is only an indication of the effectiveness of the campaign so far, and a sign that we should increase our efforts. By focusing on Nguyen Anh Tuan, we may secure his release and defeat further crackdowns on other publicized prisoners. He is being held by Kontum Prison and is in critical condition. Letters and telegrams should be sent to:

Nguyen Van Thieu, Dinh Doc Lap, Saigon;
General Tran Thien Khiem, Minister of the Interior, 164 Tu Do, Saigon; Col. Huynh Ngoc Diep, Political Security Department, Saigon;
Tran Khiem Phuong, Vietnamese Ambassador, 2251 R St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008; and to congresspeople.

AVAILABLE AT SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL:

Political Prisoners bracelets bearing the name of one of Thieu's prisoners and instructions for inquiring about the prisoner \$1.00

Bumper Sticker "Free All the Prisoners, Stop Aid to Thieu" 4" x 15" \$.25

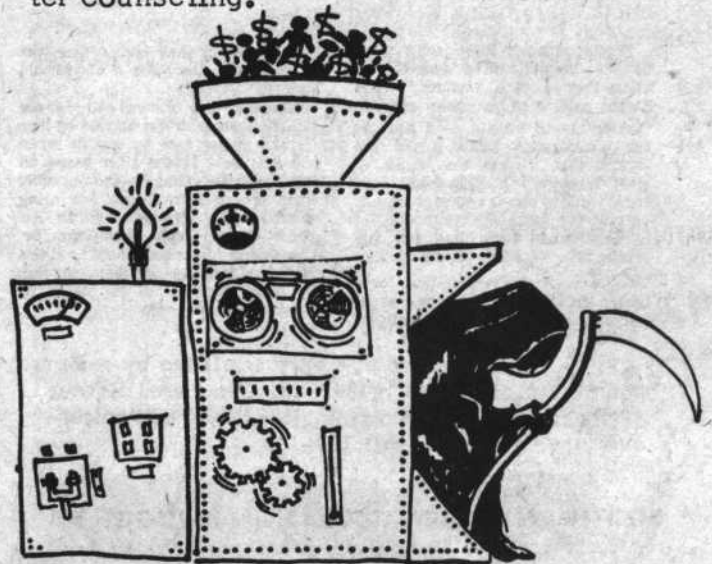
Button 1 3/4" blue on white matte finish, space for printing prisoner's name \$.25



MILITARY RECRUITMENT

The Military Recruitment Information Project has several plans for next month. The military academies will be represented at College Night, Oct. 29, at Henninger High School. A leafletter from SPC will be there too, trying to give students an accurate picture of such things as the 'honor' code, military education, and the military career.

A guide for high school counselors is being prepared. This is meant to give school counselors a better idea of why people join the military and how well the military fulfills their needs. Hopefully some communication will result, and those thinking of enlisting will benefit with better counseling.



JROTC was an issue at "Meet the Candidates" at Dewitt Community Church. Norm Balabanian, Liberal candidate for the Board of Education raised the issue by voicing his opposition to JROTC for Syracuse schools. In response to a question from the floor, all the other Board of Education candidates present stated their opposition. They were: Constance Timberlake (Dem-Lib-Rep), Janet Edison (Dem), Jon Buzzard (Dem), and Estelle DeBoer (Rep-Con). An attempt will be made to get the views of other Board candidates.

When the Marine recruiters visited SU this month, a Specter of Death and a leafletter. Thankfully, we were unnecessary: no one visited the recruiter.

SPC MONDAY POTLUCKS

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MEN'S LIBERATION

29 It's relationship to the women's movement and sexism in general as seen by local men. Women and men welcome.

NOVEMBER

PEG DUFF - ENGLISH ACTIVIST

5 Peg Duff, making a national tour, has visited Viet Nam twice; she will talk on the 1974 International Red Cross Conference, reconstruction in Indochina and the banning of anti-personnel weapons (see article).

GUNS OR BUTTER ? UNCLE SAM'S MILITARY TAPEWORM

12 A new 30 minute slide show by SANE on priorities and the military budget. Come and give your opinion on it for possible SPC purchase.

CO-OPERATIVES

19 Members of the Syracuse Food Co-op discuss the history and accomplishments of co-ops in the U.S. and the activities of functioning Syracuse-area co-ops.

SOUTHERN AFRICA LIBERATION STRUGGLES

26 A brief history, U.S. involvement, apartheid and colonialism will be discussed; what-you-can-do suggestions will be outlined by people in this SPC group.

6:30 P.M.

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
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**IN
SYRACUSE**

Peg Duff is a name with which most Americans ought to be familiar. For over 25 years she has been a dynamic, powerful force for social change in England as well as Europe. Among other things Peg has: worked with the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (which developed the  symbol) sponsoring the historic Aldermaston marches against nuclear weapons; helped found the International Conference for Disarmament and Peace (AFSC is a U.S. affiliate); visited Viet Nam twice and Laos once; co-founded the Stockholm Conference on Viet Nam; protested the invasion of Czechoslovakia and the Greek coup.

As you can see Peg has been very, very busy. Perhaps we would know more about her activities if she were a man.

Peg will be speaking at the SPC Monday Potluck on November 5. She will talk on the upcoming International Red Cross Conference (Geneva, 1974) speculating on the likelihood of outlawing napalm, anti-personnel weapons and other war related horrors. She will also discuss reconstruction in Indochina and related topics. It should be a nice evening.

On Tuesday Peg will meet with area media and talk at campuses. Thursday she will visit other central NY cities. Her visit is sponsored by the Medical Aid for Indochina committee of SPC and the American Friends Service Committee.

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89,000 RALLY IN JAPAN

Anti-war rallies were held in 169 places throughout Japan on October 21, in an annual demonstration originally begun to protest the Viet Nam war.

THE IRS THREATENS

Last July and August, the War Resister's League received "Final Notice Before Seizure" for \$6,000 which the Government demands for income taxes the WRL failed to withhold from employees for the years 1969, 1970, and 1971 with a 100% penalty added. It has been the policy of WRL to not withhold taxes from an employee taking a tax resistance position. At present, WRL is in touch with attorneys and is asking IRS for a detailed account of how it arrived at the \$6,000. Demonstrations and protests are being planned around the issue of war taxes.

TRIUMPH

An ex-Army doctor famous as one of the first to protest the Indochina war from within the military has won reversal of his 1967 court-martial conviction. The Third Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the conviction of Howard Levy on April 18. Levy had refused to train Viet Nam bound soldiers in S. Carolina. He was tried for refusing to obey a lawful order, conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, and conduct which brings discredit upon the Armed Forces.

"In a society witnessing rapidly changing manners and mores," the Court said, "against what existing standard is gentlemanly conduct to be measured?" The Court also held that the "discredit upon the Armed Forces" charge was so vague that it runs "counter to the basic philosophy of criminal codes of all modern nations." Since Levy has been discharged, a new trial on the disobedience charge is unlikely.

- CCCO NEWS NOTES

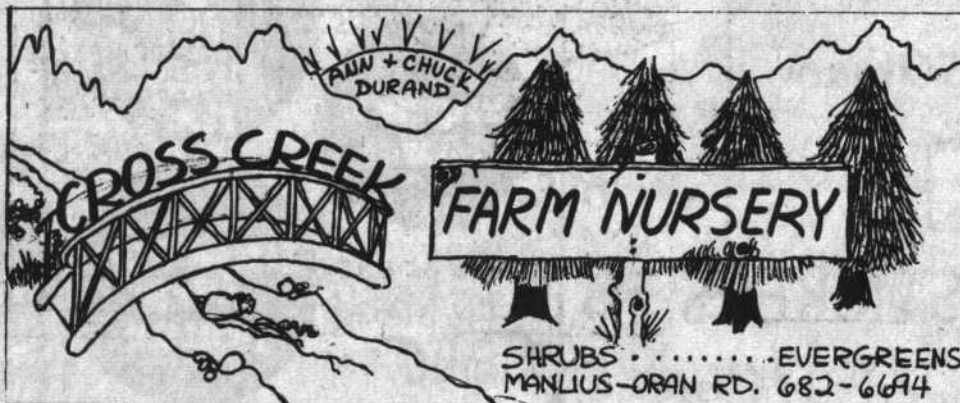
NO TAKERS

In Fall River, Mass., Army recruiters ran an advertisement offering a bonus to any young man who signed up for four years in the infantry, artillery, or armored branches. The bonus of \$1500 appeared in the Newspaper as \$15,000, due to a typographical error. But in spite of this amazing offer there was not one response to the ad, although unemployment in the area stands at 7.2%, far above the national average. Resistance to military life, demonstrated by this example, is so strong that since the draft ended the Army has fallen about 2,000 men short of each monthly enlistment goal.

- WIN Magazine



"Hi Sam. This is Dick. I knew about everything from the start. Prove it. This tape will self-destruct in five seconds".



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RATES: Free if no money exchange involved (20 word limit), \$1 for first 15 words, 10¢ for each additional word. DEADLINE: Friday, Nov. 23 PEACE NEWSLETTER circulation 6,000.

"WHY THE WAR IS NOT OVER" is the title of the new slideshow SPC is selling/renting. It's a history of Viet Nam in 4 parts done by the Cornell Concerned Asian Scholars; great for classroom or study use; 60 minutes long it sells for \$20 (rental \$5) plus postage. An invaluable resource on Indochina.

DISTRIBUTE THE PEACE NEWSLETTER —the antiwar newspaper of central NY —door-to-door in your neighborhood or inquire at stores, offices, libraries in your area to see if they can be left (a free service for their customers!) each month; call SPC, 472-5478 for copies.

American Youth Hostel 735 S. Beech St., open after 5 pm, AYH passes sold; monthly meetings first & third Wed. monthly, 7:30.

Country roomates wanted for old farmhouse in Spafford, male or female, 45 min. to Syr. & 25 to Cortland, isolated, Call Mark at (607)749-2063 nights.

Christmas/Holiday cards are now available from SPC at \$2.14/dozen; 6 different designs w'th 3 new ones from Ruth Hanks; can you sell the cards to your neighbors and friends/co-workers? a promotional packet is available for this purpose, call SPC.

PLOWSHARE the 3rd annual Craftsair & Sale sponsored by SPC is scheduled for December 7 & 8, at Plymouth Cong. Church, 232 E. Onondaga; interested craftspeople should call Barb at 475-1480, hurry spaces are closing fast!

Joining? Do you have a friend thinking about joining the military? Have her/him get all the facts from the **Military Recruitment Information Project** a counselling service of SPC, 472-5478.

IMPEACH, IMPEACH NIXON bumperstickers available from SPC, 50¢ each, also small stickers with Impeach Nixon for 25¢ ea. Mail orders should include 20¢ for return postage.

Readers needed for blind student, call Mike Esserman, 478-2823.

1974: ART/MOVEMENT the beautiful wall or tote calendar of SPC. Spiral bound, multi-colored, a great gift, \$2.68 ea., \$2.14 ea. for 3 or more (including tax); 20¢ for postage please.

HANG IN THERE a record album of songs about Vietnamese & Americans, written and performed by Holly Near; available from SPC for \$4.82 (including tax), 20¢ for postage.

Job Opening Broome Draft Counselling (183 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905) is looking for a qualified draft/military counselor, write them.

COUNTER-SPY the official bulletin of the Comm. for Action/Research on the intelligence Community (CARIC), a new monthly with subs at \$6 for individuals, PO Box 647, Ben Franklin Sta., Washington, D.C. 20044.

Akwesasne Notes publication of Mohawk Nation via Roosevelt-town, NY 13683 (518)358-4697.

Puppet shows Punch & Judy Playhouse, 479-5264, call eyes.

"Arts of Viet Nam" **souvenir poster** available on heavy tan stock; 14" x 22" designed by artist Dorothea Sierra; \$1.50 with money going to Medical Aid for Indochina; order from SPC.

Poets A future issue of the PEACE NEWSLETTER will carry a section of poetry. Please submit your work at SPC. Poems relating to the movement for social change would be especially good.

SPC needs staplers, staplers, staplers, staplers & scissors.

Light trucking Reasonable, dependable movers; attics, cellars, garages cleaned. 458-2634, 683-5866.

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- 28 Sun Food Co-op meeting at 1307 E. Adams St., 7:30 pm. Use basement entrance off drive, meets every Sunday.
- 29 Mon Community Meeting on Middle East Crisis 8:00 pm, Grant Auditorium of Syracuse U. SPC Monday Pot Luck 6:30 pm at Grace Church, 819 Madison St. "Men's Liberation" Onon. County Women's Political Caucus at Dewitt Community Church, 7:30 pm. Committee On Southern African Liberation meets at noon every Mon., 199 College Pl.
- 30 Tue Heavy Agnes Plib & the Steamrollers - Benefit for 1012, 8:00 pm at Kimmel Dining Hall corner Comstock & Waverly. Admission \$.75
- 31 Wed African Studies Association Conference through Nov. 3, Hotel Syracuse and Everson Museum. Films, speakers. Diana Ellis (472-1884) for further information.

NOV.

- 1 Thur Oliver Tambo, leader of banned African National Congress speaking at Hendricks Chapel, 7:30 pm. Mental Patients Liberation Project every Thursday, 8:00 pm at University Methodist Church. Don Karp (476-9435) for info.
- 2 Fri Womens Information Center-meeting with mayoral candidate Lillian Reiner, 104 Avondale. Call 478-4636 for time.
- 3 Sat Classic Double Features-Films that have influenced 20th century thought-The Caine Mutiny with Humphrey Bogart and Tobacco Road, directed by John Ford from the Erskin Caldwell novel. Kittredge Aud. S. U., 6:30 & 10:00 pm Sponsors: Nonviolent Studies & SPC - \$1.00
- 4 Sun SPC Nonviolence Study Group 8:00pm at 355 Webster. SPC Valley Neighborhood Group 7:30 pm at 120 Crippen Pl., Apt. 3. Food Co-op Open Meeting. See Oct. 28.
- 5 Mon SPC Monday Potluck 6:30pm at Grace Church speaker, Peg Duff, long time English activist who has visited Viet Nam several times, will talk on 1974 International Red Cross conference, reconstruction in Indochina and the banning of anti-personnel weapons. (see article)
- 6 Tues Election Day
- 7 Wed War Tax Resistance Potluck supper meeting - 6:30 pm at 137 Clark St.
- 8 Thurs SPC Nonviolence Group supper meeting. Call 472-5478 for place. SPC sponsored Town Meeting On Impeachment For info. on additional sponsors, time, place call Syracuse Peace Council 472-5478.

- 9 Fri Womens Info every Fri. Open House and Rap Session, 8:00 pm at 104 Avondale.
- 10 Sat through Sun, Symposium "Social Change Through Creative Conflict" sponsored by SU Nonviolence Studies Program and Center on Human Policy. Call 423-3870 for details.
- 12 Mon SPC Monday Potluck, 6:30pm at Grace Church Guns or Butter: Uncle Sam's Military Tapeworm, a new 30 min. slide show by SANE on priorities and the military budget. Come and give your opinion on it for possible SPC purchase.
- 13 Tues SPC Steering Committee, 7:30 pm at SPC.
- 14 Wed NOW meeting, 8:00pm Dewitt Comm. Church.
- 15 Thurs SPC Birthday Dinner - speaker Seymour Melman. See announcement in PNL.
- 18 Sun SPC Nonviolence Study Group, 8:00pm at 355 Webster.
- 19 Mon SPC Monday Potluck, 6:30pm at Grace Church. Co-operatives, Members of the Syr. Food Co-op discuss the history & accomplishments of co-ops in U.S. & the activities of functioning Syracuse area co-ops.
- 21 Wed SPC Liverpool Neighborhood Group seminar on leading creative conflict resolution courses. 7:30 pm, First Pres. Church.
- 22 Thur SPC Nonviolence Group supper meeting - Call 472-5478 for time and place.
- 26 Mon SPC Monday Potluck, 6:30pm at Grace Church Southern African Liberation Struggles A brief history, US involvement, apartheid and colonialism will be discussed. What-you-can-do suggestions will be outlined by people in this SPC group.
- 28 Wed Peace Newsletter mailing party from 5:30pm on at 924 Burnet Ave. Volunteers needed.
- 30 Fri Womens Information Center Open House & rap session, 8:00 pm at 104 Avondale.
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- 7 Fri "Carry It On", first annual SPC Folk Festival. 8:00pm Tickets \$3.00. Plowshares Craftsair 5-9 pm at Plymouth Church. To reserve table space call 475-1480
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